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A Message from the President

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We want our students to be inspired by and actively engaged in a quest for civic renewal in the United States, and we expect that they will carry this involvement with them when they leave our campus.

“Politics is a Good Thing” is the motto of the Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Virginia whose founder/director, Professor Larry Sabato, will keynote our Centennial/Founders’ Day Center for Civic Renewal Symposium on Sept. 21. Unfortunately, however, much of America appears to disagree; despite the most costly presidential election in history, half of all eligible American voters stayed home in November 2000. In fact, more individuals viewed the Super Bowl on tele-

vision than went to the polls. Membership in traditional civic groups is both shrinking and graying as television and the Internet replace active, face-to-face participation in community organizations.

All of these facts of civic engagement (or lack thereof) in 21st century America were cited by speakers at the Sweet Briar College Winter Forums 2001. Today, one speaker noted, it’s easier to disseminate a mass mailing or an e-mail “blast” directly to hundreds of thousands of people, when one wants to effect change. These approaches are

quick, and often successful in the short run, but they do nothing to make us feel a part of something larger than ourselves.

The decline in civic engagement troubles me. At Sweet Briar, we have recently launched a Center for Civic Renewal, whose academic component is a program in Law and Society. The Center is designed to foster civic engagement, and to explore the role of citizens in the public sphere. We want our students to be inspired by and actively engaged in a quest for civic renewal in the United States, and we expect that they will carry

this involvement with them when they leave our campus.

One of the strengths of small liberal arts colleges like Sweet Briar is that individuals still make a difference. For a play, a lecture, an art exhibit, or an athletic event to be successful here requires a larger critical mass of Sweet Briar’s community than would be the case on a larger campus. Our fully residential campus means that a chemistry major may room with a theatre major, and a lacrosse player may dine with a fencer or the president of a political club. While this synergy could, of course, occur on a bigger campus, members of the Sweet Briar Class of 2001 display an amazing achievement across disciplines and co-curricular activities. Recent graduates include a Phi Beta Kappa chemistry major who has won awards in studio art, a talented pianist equally accomplished as an equestrienne; and a gifted student actress and singer soon to begin a promising position as a software developer. These outcomes result from a pattern of engagement that starts from day one at Sweet Briar College, perhaps the reason that it was ranked number one nationally in a recent survey in student interaction with faculty in the senior year.

Many of the most pressing problems we as human beings face globally in the next decades are what used to be called “women’s issues”: education, poverty, child care, health care, and the host of issues related to an aging population. We have made progress, but as 2001 Commencement speaker Patricia Ireland noted, progress is not irreversible; progress is not inevitable.

If we are to continue making headway in these areas, women will lead the way. So it seems fitting for a women’s college to take a leading role in highlighting ways for Americans to re-engage.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Patricia Ireland, the President of Sweet Briar College. The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SBC!

Gala Extravaganza April 21-22, 2001

After a year of preparation and planning, it all came together for the happiest, most festive weekend in the College's 100-year history. Some 3,000 members of the Sweet Briar family gathered, coming from Maine to California and from Mexico, France, England, and Switzerland. It was a time of non-stop celebration...a time of deep appreciation...a time to remember.



Parking problem? No—Shuttle buses ran all day/evening Saturday between Lynchburg housing/campus and to parking lot at Amherst County High School/campus.



Real-time construction laid the walkways and tent floor platforms for a main seating tent, 100'x100', a 40'x40' food tent, and a 20'x40' seafood/lounge tent.



Just a few of the 2,000+ Sally Ride fans determined to "be in the same room with her!"



Professor Carlos Calle (physics), Sally Ride, President Muhlenfeld chat before Dr. Ride's presentation, moved to Amherst County High School to accommodate the large audience. Professor Calle introduced Dr. Ride.



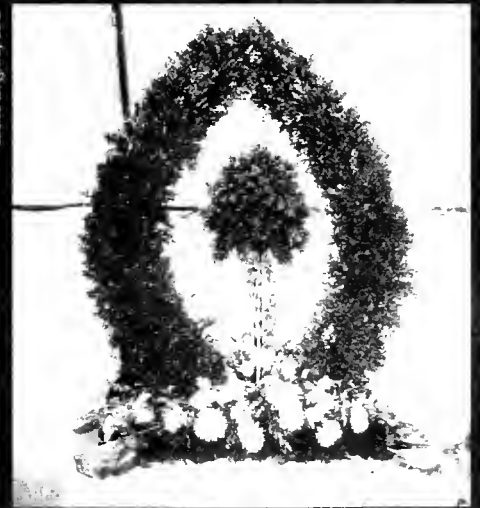
Leah Sullivan '01, SGA president, welcomes guests to Gala Night.



Many "danced the night away" in Prothro to Johnny McClenon's* Big Band. (*aka Professor of Chemistry John McClenon)



Beautiful floral displays were everywhere.



The Food Services Staff outdid themselves. A little shrimp, anyone?



Some revelers chose to be outdoors.



Gala Night brought everyone together—and climaxed in a true "blaze of glory" with fireworks that were seen for miles around.



Sweet Briar College *Centennial Awards Ceremony*

Saturday, April 21, 2001

4:00 p.m.

Babcock Auditorium

Created by action of the Centennial Commission, the Centennial Award recognizes faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends who through their dedication and commitment have "had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar Community."

Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80, Director of the Alumnae Association and Chair of Centennial Events, welcomed all participants and guests to the Centennial Awards Ceremony and thanked the members of the Centennial Awards Committee, composed of faculty, staff, administration, and alumnae for their thoughtfulness and hard work. She noted that:

"As you can imagine, this was no easy task. A call for nominees was issued to the entire Sweet Briar Community through the *Alumnae Magazine*. The committee met several times to review and then vote on the final slate, which was then forwarded to the senior staff for approval. The individuals selected symbolize the groups important to the College: faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends. They represent many others who are also very deserving of our thanks and recognition."

Louise then turned the proceedings over to President Muhlenfeld.

President Muhlenfeld:

"I am delighted to be with you today and to have the honor of introducing our award recipients. When our selection com-

mittee began its task, it had one hundred years of the College's history to scan, and therefore hundreds of distinguished faculty, staff members, alumnae, and members of our various Boards of Directors to consider as potential award recipients.

"They quickly realized that virtually everyone who had been nominated would make a worthy recipient. So very many people have given their talent, their time, their love and affection to Sweet Briar College. The people we recognize today are therefore special indeed—special in their own right, and special because they represent so many others who have lived and worked beside them in service to this beloved institution.

"I am honored and delighted to be joined by our distinguished Centennial Lecturer, Dr. Sally Ride, who will present the awards to our recipients. Each recipient will receive a bronze medal, very much like the Presidential Medal I received when I was inaugurated, but in the shape of our Centennial Logo. Only 22 of these have been struck; there will never again be Centennial Awards given. We'll proceed in alphabetical order."



Dr. Jane C. Belcher

The late Jane Belcher taught biology at Sweet Briar College from 1940 until her retirement in 1975 when she was awarded the title of Professor Emerita. A graduate of Colby College in Maine, she earned an M.A. from Columbia University and the Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, both in zoology. She served as instructor in biology at Colby College for three years before coming to Sweet Briar.

In 1972, Jane was the first faculty member to be appointed Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor of Ecology. In a letter informing Mr. John Duberg, donor of the professorship, of the appointment, Sweet Briar President Harold B. Whiteman, Jr. stated, "Dr. Belcher has been the driving force and center pole of much of our recent activity and planning in the area of environmental studies." (Jane was so far ahead of her time that we have only now finally realized her dream of a major collegewide initiative in environmental science.) She was director of the College Science Improvement Program that expanded environmental studies through a grant from the National Science Foundation, and also headed a project for environmental studies in cooperation with Lynchburg College and Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

Jane's forward-looking and innovative ideas were set forth in proposals that received support from the U.S. Office of Education, and private sources, in addition to the National Science Foundation. In 1972, under a grant from the Latin American Institute, she published, with Julia Mills Jacobsen '45, "Consortia: Two Models, Guides to Inter-College

Cooperation." The Belcher-Jacobsen team also co-authored the 1976 book, *A Process for the Development of Ideas*. The State Agency of Virginia for Title I supported a project which led to this publication.

A dedicated teacher, Jane was also an encouraging mentor and good friend to her students during and after their Sweet Briar years.

—*Jane's Award was accepted by her brother, Stephen Belcher*

Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59

Alice Cary Brown, one of Sweet Briar's most active, energetic, and enthusiastic volunteers, has been outstanding in her service to the College. A member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors for 16 years (1978-1994), she served for many years on its Executive Committee, and was the first alumna to chair the Board's key Development Committee. She also served on the Alumnae Board as chairman of Region VI.

She received Sweet Briar's 1996 Outstanding Alumna Award. At the presentation, it was noted that she "has supported Sweet Briar in every way...working on Sweet Briar's behalf at



Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59

the local, national, and international levels, mostly in the critical area of fund-raising—an area that many shy away from as an onerous task. Alice Cary has made fund-raising 'fun.' Her warmth, sparkle and enthusiasm infect all around her."

A fund agent for her class, she was a leadership donor and Reunion Gifts Committee member many times, and has

served as national chairman of the Annual Fund. Member of The Sweet Briar Circle, The President's Circle, The Boxwood Circle, and The Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates, she also contributed greatly to the Honors Program and Science Initiative. But her crowning achievement is her chairmanship of the phenomenally successful five-year Campaign for Sweet Briar College, which exceeded its goal of \$35 million by \$3.5 million. As a campaign kick-off gift, Alice Cary and her husband Lee established the Sara Shallenberger Brown Chair in English in honor of Lee's mother, Class of 1932.

Alice Cary and Lee have a married daughter and two sons.

—*Unfortunately a prior commitment prevented Alice Cary from being present at the Awards Ceremony*

Dr. Virginia Upchurch Collier '72

Dr. Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

Two awards were presented together as it was unanimously agreed that one sister could not receive this award without the other. Ginger Upchurch Collier and Kathy Upchurch Takvorian are identical twins. As students, they were joint Manson Scholars and joint recipients of the James Lewis Howe Award of the Virginia Blue Ridge Section of the American Chemical Society. Both were very active in campus life—they played varsity tennis and basketball, sang in the choir, and were Sweet Tones and campus guides for the admissions office.

Both have made many contributions to their communities and to Sweet Briar College, have been active in the Alumnae Association, and have continually served as mentors for Sweet Briar students. They have worked for Sweet Briar at the class and the national level and were co-chairs of their class' Reunion Gifts Committee for the 15th Reunion. During the 1990s Campaign for Sweet Briar College, both served on the Campaign Leadership Committee and were co-chairs of the Science Initiative which led to the development of the College's position of strength in the sciences.

In 1990, the twins were co-recipients of one of the College's highest honors, the Distinguished Alumna Award.

Ginger and Kathy are the daughters of the late Dr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Upchurch (Ann Samford '48). The Samuel E.



Dr. Virginia Upchurch Collier '72



Dr. Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

Upchurch Wing of the Guion Science Center was a gift from Ann and her children. The twins' grandmother was Hattie Mae Samford in whose honor the Hattie Mae Samford Chair in History was endowed.

Dr. Virginia Upchurch Collier '72

Ginger Collier graduated *summa cum laude*, with highest honors in chemistry, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She received her M.D. in 1976 from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where she also did her residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in nephrology. Following that, she was in private practice in internal medicine and nephrology. Currently she is vice chair of the Department of Medicine, and Residency Program Director at Christiana Care Health System in Newark, Delaware.

Ginger has won many professional honors including the Upjohn Award for Clinical Achievement, recognizing her as the best clinician in the Johns Hopkins graduating class. She has authored numerous medical publications, has been honored by the American College of Physicians and serves as governor of that organization's Delaware Chapter.

At Sweet Briar, Ginger was president of Tau Phi. As an alumna, she has served on the Board of the Alumnae Association as chair of the Golden Stairs Committee.

Ginger is married to physician Tom Collier; they have three children, Ann, Katherine, and Louisa.

Dr. Katherine Upchurch Takvorian '72

Kathy Takvorian graduated *summa cum laude* with highest honors in chemistry and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She earned her M.D. from Duke University in 1976, then did her internship and residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas—Southwestern (Parkland Hospital), followed by a fellowship in rheumatology at Massachusetts General Hospital. Currently she is associate chief of the Department of Rheumatology and also associate professor at University of Massachusetts Memorial Health Care.

Kathy has been honored as a fellow of the American College of Physicians, American College of Rheumatology, and the Arthritis Foundation. Her publications include articles in the *New England Journal of Medicine* and the *Journal of American Academic Dermatology* and book chapters in the *Textbook of Rheumatology* and *Intensive Care Medicine*.

As a student, Kathy was an Emilie Watts McVea Scholar (the top-ranking member of her class) and chairman of the Judicial Board. She has served on the College's Board of Directors and in 1995 gave Sweet Briar's Commencement Address. Kathy and her physician husband, "Tak" Takvorian, have three children, Sam, Kate, and Sarah.

Dr. Lucy Shepard Crawford

The late Lucy Crawford was a longtime professor of philosophy, joining the Sweet Briar faculty upon completing her Ph.D. in 1923 from Cornell University, where she had also earned her A.B. degree. She spent her entire teaching career here and was one of the original members of the Committee on the Honors Plan of Study. She helped establish the course on Classical Civilization, and gave long-term service as a representative on the College Council. For many years until her retirement in 1956, she was chairman of the Department of Philosophy, Psychology and Education.

In 1959 at the College's 50th Commencement, an endowment was announced for the Lucy Shepard Crawford Professorship of Philosophy. The Class of 1934, of which she was an honorary member, gave a special gift to this fund. The *Alumnae Magazine* stated, "Miss Lucy," as Dr. Crawford is called, is known to Sweet Briar students and alumnae since 1923 as a teacher of philosophy. But they remember her too as mother confessor, defender of the miscreant and misunderstood, baker of philosopher's bread, gardener, adored friend, and loved by all who know her well."

Lucy was renowned for her personal concern for those in need, and had a strong impact on the Amherst and Lynchburg communities as well as the College. She served

as chairman of the Amherst County Public Health and Welfare Council and in many other civic organizations.

Wonderful tributes to her are contained in the book, *The Best of Lucifer*, a collection of writings by and about her edited by the late Julia Sadler de Coligny '34 and published in

1969 by Helen Murchison Lane '46.

—Lucy Crawford's Award was accepted by Dean of the College George Lenz



Dr. Lucy Shepard Crawford



Carolyn Davis

At the Spring 2000 Recognition Luncheon honoring Sweet Briar staff members for length of service, Mrs. Carolyn Davis won accolades and sustained applause for 40 years of continuous, dedicated service to the College.

Now well into her 41st year in our Housekeeping Department, Carolyn sets an example for everyone privileged to know her as she goes her daily rounds of caretaking with cheer, ready to meet any situation which may arise with aplomb. A problem-solver par excellence, she finds no task too onerous, no request too difficult to fulfill.

The day's work begins early for Carolyn, who arrives a good two hours before any other staff members walk through the doors of the development and public relations offices, Boxwood Alumnae House or the Sweet Briar Museum. By 8:30 a.m., all is ready, in good order for the day.

By 9:00, she is at Sweet Briar House, where she stays until mid-afternoon. As housekeeper and gracious hostess at Sweet Briar House, she has ministered to three Sweet Briar College presidents, their families and guests, and touring visitors, all of whom have been warmed by her caring presence. President Muhlenfeld's household includes two endearing greyhounds, "Elinor" and "Guinevere," who go into deep depression on those rare occasions when Carolyn can't come at the regular time. They, like everybody else at Sweet Briar, are so grateful for her truly exceptional smile that they are even willing to take her

for walks around the campus every day.

Carolyn's contributions to the College go well beyond the workday. She has also given us a recent alumna: her daughter, Yolanda Lynn Davis Saunders '96, who was married in Sweet Briar's Memorial Chapel in June 2000.

Dr. Ernest Preston Edwards

Ernest "Buck" Edwards, Williams Associate and Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor of Ecology Emeritus, taught biology at Sweet Briar from 1965 until his retirement in 1990. He was appointed to the chaired professorship in 1977. Buck built a superb program in ornithology and ecology which featured outdoor laboratories on the College's 3,300 acre wooded campus and one of the largest and most varied bird and mammal collections in the Commonwealth.

Buck earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and his master's and doctorate from Cornell University. A well-known ornithologist, he is the author of numerous publications on birds, including the first single volume checklist of birds of the world ever published. Before joining Sweet Briar's faculty, he was professor of biology and head of the biology department at the University of the Pacific. Earlier, he taught at the University of Kentucky, served in the United States armed forces, taught at Hanover College in Indiana and was associate director of the Houston Museum of Natural History. He has also been a nature

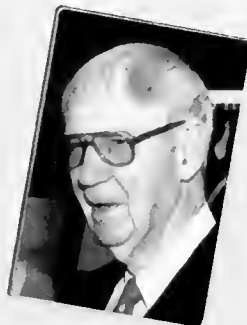
photographer and lecturer

for the National Audubon Society. In

1997, he was honored by the Peabody Roundtable at Vanderbilt University for his exceptional contributions to the field of education.

No one knows the Sweet Briar campus better than Buck, who grew up

here as one of three sons of the late Dr. Preston Edwards, professor of physics at Sweet Briar from 1927-1943. Buck and his late wife, Mabel, lived on campus for many years. His Reunion early-morning bird



Dr. Ernest Preston Edwards

walks are a perennial favorite event for alumnae.

Dr. Judith Elkins

The late Judy Elkins taught mathematics at Sweet Briar from 1975 until her retirement in 1997 as the Charles A. Dana Professor of Mathematical Sciences. Prior to coming to Sweet Briar, she was an assistant professor at Ohio State University (1968-1975); assistant professor at Rutgers University (1967-1968); assistant professor at California State University, San Diego (1966-1967); and instructor at Mount Holyoke College (1960-1963). She held a B.A. from Wellesley College; an M.A. from Harvard University; and a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin.



Dr. Judith Elkins

Judy was the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including the prestigious William C. Lowry Award from the Virginia Council of Teachers in Virginia. In 1978, she was director of the computer conversion project at Sweet Briar under a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. She also received two awards for outstanding and excellent teaching, indicative of the respect her students had for her.

She was the first and only woman ever elected to the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, becoming the chairperson of the Board of Supervisors in 1996. She also served on the Amherst County School Board and Planning Commission and was an activist on important issues such as education, economic development, employment, and county services.

Judy's two daughters graduated from Sweet Briar, Debra Elkins in 1993 and Rachel Elkins Thompson, currently a mem-



President Emerita Meta Glass

her of Sweet Briar's admissions staff, in 1991.

—*Judy Elkins' Award was accepted by her husband, Bryce Elkins*

President Emerita Meta Glass

The late Meta Glass was president of Sweet Briar College from 1925 to 1946. A graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, she earned the Ph.D. from Columbia University. After retirement, she continued on the Board of Overseers for 12 years. The Board noted that under her presidency, Sweet Briar was nationally recognized for academic excellence and that significant developments she had overseen included her introduction of the Honors Plan of Study, comprehensive examinations, and the Junior Year at St. Andrews. "Her special concern for the Library as the intellectual center of the campus resulted in Fergus Reid's magnificent gift to the College of the Mary Helen Cochran Library, and the remarkable and continuing growth of its collection. The Daisy Williams Gymnasium, the Book Shop, and faculty houses were also added."

President Glass' leadership in national organizations brought wide recognition to her and to Sweet Briar. She was president of the American Association of University Women and the Association of American Colleges, and a leader in the International Federation of University Women and other organizations. Eight institutions awarded her honorary degrees, including Columbia and Brown Universities.

Her death in 1967 was noted in the Congressional Record of the United States and the following comments from *The*



Dr. Milan E. Hapala

Richmond Times Dispatch were printed in the record: "Dr. Meta Glass was one of the foremost educators of her time, and also one of the great personalities...Under her guidance, the college [Sweet Briar] was raised to a scholastic level commensurate with that of other leading women's colleges in the nation...Her going removes one of the foremost Virginians of her generation."

—*President Glass' Award was accepted by her great-great-nephew Scott Glass*

Dr. Milan E. Hapala

The late Milan Hapala came to Sweet Briar in 1947 as instructor in government and economics and forged a remarkably successful career here until his retirement in 1990 as the Carter Glass Professor of Government. To honor his retirement and their commencement, the Class of 1990 invited him to deliver their Commencement Address.

Milan came to the United States from his homeland of Czechoslovakia in 1938 to attend Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he received his B.A. degree in 1940 and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. A year later, he completed his master's degree at the University of Nebraska. He began graduate work at Duke University, which was interrupted when he joined the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He later returned to his studies, earning the Ph.D. from Duke University, where he met and married his wife, Adelaide.

In 1967 he won Sweet Briar's Kampmann Distinguished Teaching Award. In 1973 he was nationally honored as an Outstanding Educator of the Year, and in 1985 he was honored as the first recipient of



Dr. Mary Harley

Sweet Briar's Excellence in Teaching Award, established by the Student Government Association. Milan was the recipient of many other awards and honors including the Distinguished Service Citation from Beloit. His research grants included Fulbright, Carnegie, and Sweet Briar Faculty Fellowships.

Milan was known as one of the relatively few American political scientists qualified to teach courses in comparative government as they should be taught. In the Sweet Briar community he was held in the highest regard as a master teacher, distinguished colleague, and excellent friend.

—*Milan's Award was accepted by his wife, Adelaide Hapala*

Dr. Mary Harley

Dr. Harley was the first college physician and one of the original faculty members of the College, serving from 1906 to 1935. She received her M.D. degree from Women's Medical College of New York Infirmary. She remained as college physician and professor of physiology and hygiene until her retirement in 1935. Before coming to Sweet Briar, she had three years of hospital experience, four years of private practice, and was one of the physicians at Vassar College for six years.

Dr. Harley was fond of remarking that during the years she served the College, she knew the heartbeat of every Sweet Briar girl. She devoted a large part of her life to the College and thought of Sweet Briar as her family. Her generous contributions helped make possible the building of Sweet Briar's Infirmary. She helped to plan it and moved campus health care into the new

building when it was ready in 1925. The Infirmary was formally named for her in 1947.

A letter from the Board upon Dr. Harley's retirement stated: "Upon your work and counsel from the very first days of the College has the health and morale of this institution been built. The Board feels that the remarkable health record has been due to your untiring service, skill and efficiency. You have been a source of strength throughout the years—a real inspiration in the art of living cheerfully and courageously."

After retirement, Dr. Harley pursued studies in anthropology. She traveled extensively and made several trips to Johannesburg and the Transvaal Museum to work with world-famous paleontologist Dr. Robert Broom.

—Dr. Harley's Award was accepted by
Dean of the College George Lenz

When alumnae have returned for Reunion, she has greeted them *by name*, and with interest in what they are doing, how their children are faring, what news they have. She still comes for Reunion, and if alumnae don't spot her immediately at her post, they seek her out: "WHERE'S ADDIE?"

Many alumnae responding to the Centennial questionnaire mentioned Addie as someone important to their Sweet Briar experience. A 1988 alumna wrote: "She really brightened the days for people at Sweet Briar."

Her amazing memory for long ago and not-so-long-ago Sweet Briarites is proof positive of the sense we have of the ongoing community that is Sweet Briar. And she makes certain that we all know that you *can* "come home again." Thank you, Addie, for letting us come home again.

Finance Committee. She is a founding member of The President's Circle, a lifetime member of The Boxwood Circle and an Indiana Fletcher Williams Associate.

She worked tirelessly to help raise over \$15 million during the Generations Campaign, which ended in 1985. During the years of The Campaign for Sweet Briar College, she and her late husband Tom co-chaired the Committee to Endow the Honors Program, which led to the remarkable expansion of that program.

Peggy served her class as Reunion Gifts Co-Chair for the 35th Reunion and was a leadership donor for 1948's 35th, 40th, and 50th Reunions. She was class president from 1968-1973.

The backbone of Sweet Briar's Atlanta Alumnae Club, she has held every club office over the years and has always been on call as a supporter and consultant. In addition to her work for Sweet Briar, Peggy is extremely active in civic life in Atlanta.

Helen McMahon '23

"Helen Mac" has impacted just about every facet of Sweet Briar life since she arrived as a freshman in 1919. Always eyeing the future, she was an early Williams Associate.

Executive secretary of the Alumnae Association (1938-1947), she next managed the Book Shop until retirement (1947-1971). Even after she retired—retired in theory, at least—she remained actively involved, working closely with Ann Whitley, Class of '47, to create the Sweet Briar Museum; assisting with Strategic Planning sessions in 1988, and opening her home to alumnae and other visitors.



Addie L. Martin

Mrs. Addie Martin was a member of Sweet Briar's food service staff for 46 years (1950-1996). And for the last 30 years of her career, from 1966 until retirement, she served as supervisor. After all those years of daily contact with the campus community one, two, three times daily in the dining room, she probably knows more alumnae and faculty/staff members (retired and current) than anyone else in the world—she knows them well, and she *remembers* them.

Addie lives on campus, so she was always on the job, regardless of weather: it might have been raining or snowing or icing up outside, but she made the sun shine with her warm smile and genuine interest in how each individual's day was going. She greeted everyone coming into the Refectory, and later into Prothro Commons, *by name*.



Margaret (Peggy) Sheffield
Martin '48

One of Sweet Briar's leading volunteers, Peggy Martin was the recipient of Sweet Briar's Outstanding Alumna Award in 1990 with these words: "Today the Alumnae Association honors one of its own who has assured the continuance and sustenance of Miss Indie's dream."

Because of her acumen, executive abilities and abiding interest in the College, she was asked to become a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Overseers in 1980. In 1984, she was elected to the Board of Directors, served as secretary of the Board's Executive Committee from 1985 to 1988, and chaired the Board's Admissions Committee. She also served on the Executive Board of the Alumnae Association (1973-1977) and chaired its



In 1974, Helen Mac received the Outstanding Alumna Award. Enumeration of her many contributions included praise for her Book Shop regime, building new quarters while continuing support of the scholarship program. "She made the Book Shop a home away from home for the entire community, alumnae, parents, and guests."

As pillar of the Amherst County Sweet Briar Club, she provided ideas and muscle for everything from bake sales to house tours to buffet lunches. She was called upon to decorate Sweet Briar House and Wailes Center, meet planes, carry people to hospitals and doctors, man booths on Amherst County Day and at the Christmas Bazaar, assist in fire drills...And she was 1923's fund agent.

One of her most endearing gifts provided some of our liveliest, most loyal alumnae. She had such a magnetic effect every summer on girls at Camp Allegheny, then at Camp Glen Laurel, which she started, that over a period of years each new class included many Helen Mac devotees. This she did *not* by "recruiting," but by being herself. It is this self that she has given to her College in rich measure.

—Although Helen Mac could not be with us today, she will be celebrating her 99th birthday on Monday, April 23rd. Her Award was accepted by her niece, Mary Utt.

J. Wilson Newman

J. Wilson Newman is well-known and widely acclaimed for outstanding accomplishments in many areas. Former chief executive, president, and board chairman of Dun & Bradstreet, he also served as a director of American Telephone and Telegraph Co., Consolidated Edison, and the New York Stock Exchange. He was chairman of the U.S. President's Task Force on improving small business opportunities in 1968, and a member of the congressional commission on revising bankruptcy laws. He is the author of numerous articles and two books, *The Private Sector* and *For What Do We Labor?*

But today we honor *our own* J. Wilson Newman, whose leadership and unwavering support had a profound effect on the future of Sweet Briar College, bringing it successfully through one of the most tumultuous periods in its history—the 1963-1967 effort to reinterpret the will of Indiana Fletcher Williams. Elected chairman of the Board in



J. Wilson Newman

1963, he was at the forefront of the five-year legal battle to allow the College an unrestrictive admissions policy, enabling it to enroll African-American students.

Wilson Newman stands at Indiana Fletcher Williams' side as a founder, for his stalwart direction and stewardship ensured the continuance of her dream—an institution, the general scope and object of which "shall be to impart to its students such education and sound learning, and such physical, moral and religious training as shall...best fit them to be useful members of society."

An additional Newman legacy: two daughters, Ginger Newman Blanchard, Class of '60 and Bee Newman Thayer, Class of '61, both recipients of the 1994 Outstanding Alumna Award.

Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

Elizabeth Prothro remembers the beginning of her family's connection to the College: "My mother and a family friend and I were driving across the country in 1935, passed Sweet Briar and decided to drive in. When I saw it, I decided that's where I wanted to go." Voila! Now, four generations of Prothro women have attended Sweet Briar.

Elizabeth, matriarch of the family, always has shown great generosity to her alma mater, giving financial support but also pitching in to determine needs and working to fulfill them. Actively interested in the intellectual life of the College, she was the founding chairman of Sweet Briar's Friends of the Library in 1966, building an organization that immediately enhanced the quality of the library, which now boasts the largest collection of any Virginia undergraduate private college. Elizabeth is a life mem-



Elizabeth Perkins Prothro '39

ber of Friends of the Library.

A Williams Associate, her enthusiasm and enduring interest inspired an ongoing family commitment. Her late husband Charles was chairman of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors. Daughter Kathryn (Kay) Prothro Yeager is Class of '61; son Mark currently serves on the Board of Directors.

Kay's daughters, Kathryn Elizabeth Yeager Edwards '84 and Linda Yeager Beltchev '85, were next. Mark's daughter, Charlotte Holland (Holly) Prothro Philbin is Class of '95.

The generosity of Elizabeth and her entire family has helped keep Sweet Briar on top. Their latest gift, designated to the new Student Commons, is a \$5 million grant from the Perkins-Prothro Foundation, the foundation's second largest grant to any institution. It was "made from the good memories and love" members of the family have for Sweet Briar.

Shirley Reid

Shirley Reid was born in Amherst, the youngest of 13 children. Her family's history is closely tied to Sweet Briar's: she says that "family members have always worked here," beginning with her great-grandmother, who was a seamstress for Miss Indie.

Shirley joined the full-time staff of the Mary Helen Cochran Library 47 years ago in 1954, at age 17. But before that, as a high school student, she rode the bus to campus to work part-time after school hours—so add some years to the official 47! She began her library career during the regime of librarian Tyler Gemmell.

Well-known for her courtesy, consummate professionalism, and dedication, she is perhaps the most recognizable person in the



Shirley Reid



Dorothy Jones Sales



Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34

library. Ever present at the circulation desk, she is now circulation supervisor, overseeing 25 student assistants. Through the years, she has been a firm friend and "second mother" to generations of students; alumnae from all over the world check in with Shirley each Reunion, remembering her "great sense of humor and fun, which always made the library lively."

She is the first African-American supervisor appointed at the College. In 1997, the student government association honored her by creating and presenting her with The Shirley P. Reid Award: this is an annual award honoring a staff member in recognition of excellent performance, presented during the Commencement ceremonies.

Currently, Shirley is writing her memoirs, which include much Sweet Briar and Amherst County history. Her daughter Yolanda is a 1991 Sweet Briar graduate; daughter Valerie was a Sweet Briar admissions staff member in the 1980s.

Dorothy Jones Sales

Dorothy Sales' long-standing connection to the College is rivaled perhaps only by that of the founding family. Born in the cabin behind Sweet Briar House that now houses the Farm Tool Museum, Dorothy is one of nine members of her family—her parents, Dorothy, and six brothers and sisters—who have been employed by Sweet Briar, some of them since its founding. Her father, Sterling Jones, fired bricks for the original buildings; her mother retired with over 50 years of service.

Dorothy began work at age 12: her first summer job was washing bottles in the lab for one of her favorite professors, Jane Belcher. At 15, she worked for Professor Belle Boone Beard, a relationship that last-

ed 32 years, and also helped Margaret Banister in the public relations office. Still a teenager, she joined the buildings and grounds office in 1943. In 1945, she moved to the Book Shop, where she stayed until her 1994 retirement at age 69, after 49 years of "official service." She has the distinction of having worked for every manager of the Book Shop, and in 1988, was named "Employee of the Year," receiving the Virginia College Store Association's 10th Annual Associates Award for Excellence.

Quick, tireless, good-natured and appreciated for her wisdom and warm sense of humor, Dorothy was made an honorary member of the Class of 1994 in a surprise celebration, and was honored by the faculty with the presentation of a 1994 class ring.

She says that she never entertained serious thoughts of looking elsewhere for a job. "Sweet Briar is like family. I've spent my life here. I've just spent my life doing."

Actively involved in her community, Dorothy keeps up with Sweet Briar and her three grown sons, who live close by.

Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34

Martha Lou Stohlman is perhaps best known to Sweet Briar alumnae as the author of *The Story of Sweet Briar College Volume I*, published in 1956. Beginning with the founding family and detailing the transformation of plantation into college, the book chronicles the trials and successes of the College's first 50 years. A "must read" for all Sweet Briarites, it has served as a source of factual information since its publication.

As important as this reference source is, it certainly is not her only contribution. She sat on the College's Board of Directors

(1958 to 1962), served on the Alumnae Board, as chairman of the Alumnae Fund, and as fund agent for her class. Reunion Gifts co-chair for her 55th Reunion, she now is 1934's class secretary, and a Williams Associate.

One of the first ten alumnae elected to the Theta of Virginia chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, Martha Lou graduated from Sweet Briar *magna cum laude* with highest honors in psychology. She received the master's degree (1935) and Ph.D. (1937) from Cornell University and taught for seven years at Colorado College. During World War II, she worked with the U.S. Foreign Service. She joined the Sweet Briar faculty as visiting professor of psychology for the 1957 academic year, while she and her late husband, a retired professor of art and archaeology at Princeton University, and children, Julie and Suzanne, spent a year in Amherst. Suzanne attended Sweet Briar with the Class of 1972.

In 1979, Martha Lou received Sweet Briar's Outstanding Alumna Award.

Author of *John Witherspoon: Parson, Patriot, Politician*, she also has published numerous articles.

President Emerita Anne Gary Pannell Taylor

The late Anne Pannell, Sweet Briar's president from 1950-1971, was a graduate of Barnard College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and won the Barnard College International Fellowship. She held a Ph.D. from Oxford University, and honorary degrees from seven institutions. Before her presidency, the young widow with two small sons was a professor of history at the University of Alabama, then dean of Goucher College.

In addition to several major curriculum revisions and enrichments, her administration saw the greatest physical expansion since the early days of the College, with the addition of many new buildings including Meta Glass and Dew dormitories, the Mary Reynolds Babcock Fine Arts Center, the Connie M. Guion Science Building, the Charles A. Dana Wing of the Mary Helen Cochran Library, and the Sweet Briar Memorial Chapel. The author of numerous articles and two books, she worked for the establishment of the Friends of the Library. She was an able and inspired leader through the 1960s when the College went to court to seek legal approval for an unrestrictive admissions policy.

President Pannell extended opportunities for foreign study, initiated the Asian Studies Program with two nearby colleges, and won a high award from the French government. She held numerous national offices including the presidency of the American Association of University Women and vice chairmanship of the American Council on Education. A trustee of Barnard, Chatham Hall, and the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation, she also belonged to local civic groups including the PTA in Amherst where younger son Clifton attended school.

Following retirement from Sweet Briar, Anne Pannell married The Right Reverend George Taylor, Bishop of the Diocese of Easton, Maryland.

—President Pannell's Award was accepted by her son, Gary Pannell

Photo from 1970 Briar Patch



President Emerita Anne Gary Pannell Taylor



Martha von Briesen '31

As a student, Martha von Briesen edited the *Sweet Briar News*; after earning a master's degree in French from Radcliffe (1933), she continued her earlier interest in writing, editing, and photography—talents which brought her back to Sweet Briar in 1942 as President Meta Glass' director of public relations, a post she held for 31 years until her retirement in 1973.

Martha served Sweet Briar in many capacities, both professional and volunteer. She was president of the Alumnae Association in 1942-44 and an article in the Fall 1977 *Alumnae Magazine* notes that she played a key role in 1945 in establishing the Mary K. Benedict Scholarship to honor Sweet Briar's first president: "She was the guiding light and coordinator of this scholarship." Always, she gave special attention to encouraging support of scholarships and of the library's collections, two of her enduring interests.

Sweet Briar has been her first concern through the years. She spent untold hours delving into the College's history and traditions. After 11 years of research, in 1965 she published *The Letters of Elijah Fletcher*, which she edited and annotated. In 1972, she completed *Sweet Briar College, Seven Decades, 1901-1971*.

In 1975 The Martha von Briesen Prize in Photography, to be awarded at Commencement, was established by the Alumnae Association in honor of her many years of devoted service to the College.

In 1977 she was presented with the Outstanding Alumna Award and in 1978 became a charter member of The Williams Associates.



Dr. Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp '68

Marshalyn Yeargin became Sweet Briar's first African-American student when she entered as a transfer student in 1966 from Bennett College, a black women's college in Greensboro, North Carolina. Graduating from Sweet Briar Phi Beta Kappa with a major in biology in 1968, she achieved another "first" as the first African-American woman to enroll in Emory University's School of Medicine, earning her M.D. in 1972.

For 19 years, Marshalyn has served at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta where she is Chief of the Developmental Disabilities Branch, Division of Birth Defects, Child Development, and Disability and Health. As a physician and professor, she regularly presents papers on children's health issues and publishes widely.

Marshalyn was named an *Outstanding Young Woman in America* in 1971 and 1982. She was listed in *Who's Who of American Women* (1987) and *Who's Who of Emerging Leaders* (1988). In 1990, she was awarded a Commendation Medal from the United States Public Health Service.

She served on Sweet Briar's Board of Directors from 1981-1989, and on the Visiting Committee on Diversity during the College's 1990s Strategic Planning sessions. In 1990, Sweet Briar's student Unity Club presented Marshalyn with its first Black Woman of the Year Award, and in 1992, she received Sweet Briar's Distinguished Alumna Award.

Marshalyn and her husband, Dr. Ralph Allsopp, a clinical psychologist in private practice, have two children: daughter Whitney, a junior at Emory, and son Timothy, who recently earned his M.S.C. from the London School of Economics.

In The Name Of God, Who Creates, Judges, Saves, And Sustains Us

Centennial Sunday Morning Chapel Service

April 22, 2001

The Reverend Susan Lehman, Chaplain, Sweet Briar College

The Gala has finally arrived; some of us have been discussing dates and new party dresses for months: the Alumnae Office worked tirelessly on the many details involved in bringing to campus graduates and families, Board members, and guests. Madly we have scurried around filling in holes, patching buildings and trees, designing a party space on our sloping dells outside Prothro, putting up the party tents again...and again...and again! [The enormous party tents went up, down, up, down, up—three times!—before they were safely, securely in place.] Buildings and Grounds, Physical Plant, Food Services—all have worked for months in preparation for this event. During the past week, we were bombarded with e-mails announcing the stripping of bulletin boards in Prothro, limited hours for the use of the gym, cancelled areas for student parking and, for the first time in the memory of many of us, the library was closed on Saturday evening—all part of the effort to mark the first 100 years of Sweet Briar College. Is it worth the effort? Yes, I think so.

Think of the accomplishment represented: the transformation of a Virginia plantation into a college that this year will graduate young women like BrieAnne Vogler, who will be off to medical school, Yen Nguyen and Rebekah Burr, off to Ph.D. programs in chemistry in the most prestigious universities in America; Marian Spivey on her way to Georgetown for the foreign service program; Angela Aiken and Sarah Riggs, one to Honduras, one to Africa, with the Peace Corps; Amy Tabb off to pursue her Ph.D. in music; Ariana Wolynecc-Werner off to the University of Chicago to study religion. I mention only a few of the women from the Class of 2001. Science, medicine, mathematics, languages, foreign service, the arts preparing

scholars for the next generation in all fields.

In 100 years a plantation in Amherst County, where the soil was spent from raising tobacco even before 1860, is now a manicured garden with beautiful buildings, all matching brick patterns, home to approximately 600 women from all over the world. It is a *wonder*, worth inviting all our friends to come and enjoy.

It is a wonder wrought not out of the clouds but out of decision making, vision and generosity, sweat and tears and back-breaking labor, and daring—of nights spent

doubting and days of risk taking by women and men—presidents and faculty, Board members and carpenters, students, bakers, cleaning staff, deans and treasurers. For all those who through the century gave their best years that this college might have a future: for them, in their memory, we host this celebration, this Gala Weekend.

April 21-22 happens to be the last weekend before the end of the spring semester; few of us who are students would have picked this weekend to close the library on Saturday night. With only four days of class left, this is a very busy



Marshá Taylor Horton '76: Anthem, "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Photos © David Abrams

time with final papers and labs due and exams to study for. And, as most of you know, it is not our practice to hold a Sunday morning service, but it is The Gala and so we asked the concert choir, which has been dress rehearsing and performing all week, to get up and get out to sing the Lord's song in celebration of the past and hope for the future. As a celebration of our history it is worth the effort.

Think of the decades, all with their own challenges. Rural Virginia in the 1920s: who could have imagined a college that in 2001 would be known throughout the world as the "Most Wired Women's College in America," where every student has access to computers and the work of the College is done through e-mail? The 1930s, when the world was in the grip of the Great Depression and many, many Americans, including some at Sweet Briar, did not have two nickels to rub together. Who—who, ever—in the faculty, staff, administration, student body, could have imagined their college launching a capital campaign with a preliminary goal in excess of \$100 million? We celebrate the drive and persistence of those committed to the survival of the College.

Then the war years of the 1940s: could those five graduating classes, some of whom arrived in the early fall and did not leave this rural campus until the end of second semester because there was no transportation for civilians—could they have dreamed of the day when more than 450 students would have cars on campus? Or the 1950s: in the farthest stretch of the imagination, can we picture freshmen gathered in the dining hall thinking aloud with their roommates about next fall when they plan to live in Reid, because Reid is not one of the two freshman residence halls, so their boyfriends, brothers, dads, cousins from Hampden-Sydney can visit them in their rooms 24 hours a day, seven days a week? The 1950s! That is the decade I went off to college. We had a dress code, and housemothers, and the idea that you could invite your boyfriend to spend a weekend in your room was beyond comprehension! We would have giggled and hissed, and gone red in the face, and rolled our eyes and snickered. And now we do room draw and no one even pays attention, and women are generally respectful of one another.

When you think about it, this Centennial Celebration is worth all the

effort. In the 1960s the College had to mount a legal effort to integrate the College. And what was finally granted by the Supreme Court of the United States was but a first step on a journey toward becoming more racially integrated and culturally diverse. Much, much work remains to be done.

And the 1970s before we had a women's studies program, or even when I arrived in the mid-'80s and the extra smart, savvy students would enter my office, close the door and in a whisper, say: "Are you a feminist?" And I recall asking early in my interview for the position of chaplain, how many lesbian organizations were active on campus, and I was assured there were no organizations because in the student population of about 600, there were no lesbians. Somehow on the occasion of this Centennial Celebration we are able to be less hesitant about self-consciously claiming a mission to educate and empower women to take their place in the world, and in our best moments, we are less



frightened by the great capacity that women have for loving, men and women.

Each decade has presented many challenges. In the 1990s we heard the dreaded word "demographics." Demographics had revealed a reduced population of 18-year-olds on their way to college, and of that reduced number only a tiny percentage interested in a college for women. After 90 years of struggle, the question persisted: would we *survive*? We did, and we are here today in celebration, not merely that we survived, but that *with confidence*, we can look each other in the eye as we declare that we have much to be grateful for. We know triumph and success. We

know we can make mistakes and learn from them. We can fall down in some areas and pick ourselves up and move forward. We have every reason to believe in a flourishing future for Sweet Briar.

Gala, April 21-22: not the only thing going on in the world. At this moment in churches all across the land, faithful women and men are gathered in celebration, for this is the second Sunday of Easter. The church in her wisdom has known almost from the beginning that the mystery of resurrection is such that one day, one weekend, is not sufficient. Annually it takes at least 50 days, what we call the Great Fifty Days to begin to explore the wonder and mystery of God's redeeming activity and presence in the Easter proclamation. On the Sunday of Sweet Briar Gala, we hear with Christians throughout the world an account from the Gospel of John, from Chapter 20. The reading for this morning begins, "On the evening of that day"...this being at dusk on the day when at dawn Mary Magdalene had gone to the tomb to be met by the risen Lord. We hear that on that first evening, the disciples are huddled behind locked doors, in fear. We hear that Jesus comes among them, saying "Peace...Peace be with you." Then breathing on them, he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit, receive the spirit of God...those whose sins you forgive are forgiven forever. Those you condemn are condemned eternally."

Of the frightened disciples gathered that first night, Thomas is not with them, and when told of their encounter with the risen Lord, he says: "Not me. I won't believe on the basis of what you say. I will only believe when I have placed my hand in the place where the nails were."

And so eight days later, the disciples still locked behind the door of their fear, the risen Lord greets them with the word of God: *Peace*. This time, Thomas is there and the Lord says to him: "Here, Thomas, put your hand in my hand. *See, touch* the mark of the nails, the place of the spear." And Thomas does, and now proclaims "My Lord, my God."

Two accounts we hear this second Sunday of Easter, among the richest, most dense texts in the apostolic writings. Because of the many themes contained, the church reads this Gospel every year in the Easter season and then again on Pentecost. I want to lift out of this marvelous account four images to draw our attention to on this



Helen Graeff Ellerman '46, organist for the Centennial Chapel Service, played several of her own compositions, including The Offertory: Fanfare on "The Strife Is O'er," written in April 2001 to honor the chaplaincy of The Reverend Susan Lehman and for the occasion of the Centennial Gala of Sweet Briar College

Sunday when we not only celebrate the past but find ourselves ready to anticipate the future of Sweet Briar. The four: the idea of being locked away in fear; the concept of peace; the power to forgive and condemn; and then an embrace of the figure of Thomas.

Fear: we know it is generally true that the frightened tend to hide. Sometimes we hide behind doors of wood. Sometimes we hide behind false promises. In those years at Sweet Briar when we are afraid not enough young women will choose us, I can hear myself recruiting—promising high school seniors that Sweet Briar is all things to all women. Sometimes we hide behind claims of certainty: even now in this Easter season, surrounding this Gala Weekend when we are in the midst of an important and lively debate over decisions regarding the use and/or misuse of our land and trees, we need to listen hard for those voices that carry a tone of certitude, or arrogance. Sometimes in fear we hide behind pronouncements intended to silence, not engage. Sometimes in fear we lock ourselves away in roles of entitlement. In student circles, in faculty, staff, and administrative circles we continue to do the business of the College, educating young women in ways where a few lord it over the rest. Like the disciples, we are locked into old patterns out of fear that there may not be enough power or influence or resources or good will to go around...and then "Lo and Behold," the risen Lord passes through those locked doors and declares the *intention of God: Peace*. Peace. Shalom, the well-being of God. In biblical terms this is not a word for the absence of

strife, as in: if only the QVs and Bums can agree not to hurt each other. Or: if only we can mediate this roommate dispute before her parents e-mail the president, the Board, and the local papers. Or: if only the Board will guarantee a 1/1/1 salary rating...No. When the risen Lord proclaims to the frightened disciples *Peace*, he is reminding them of their reason for being, of the purpose of God in and for the creation. Peace, well-being, goodness, sufficiency—where all are fed in body, mind, heart, and soul—none are without—no one lords it over another. Where violence and terror, lies and misrepresentation have no place. Peace: the very goodness of God. That is the word Jesus speaks, and he shows them his hands, and his side. And then he says: "This peace, this reminder of the purpose of God, this is who you are. Now as God has sent me, so I send you. Go forth. Receive the spirit of God. Henceforth in your relationships you are to take one another with this ultimate level of *seriousness*; if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive, unforgiven they remain." Imagine. I can only wonder: the disciples looking at each other, henceforth no one to blame; they have been empowered to treat one another as though they were of the being of God. It must have been an earthshaking moment for them. Oh, but listen. What if this word were meant for our ears, 2000 years later. What kind of a college could we be, going into our second century, with this moral claim to take one another with the seriousness that forgives and condemns?

Just a couple of notions of what we might want to do, now that we have 100 years under our belt and with confidence look to the future: 1) We would place a lot more emphasis on talking with each other, face to face, learning to listen to the hopes and fears of one another. We would recognize this as the art form of the highest order, where e-mail is an insufficient tool. 2) We, with the disciples, would refuse to condone the blaming of others for our mistakes. 3) We would exorcize gossip and shunning from our repertoire of social and office behaviors. 4) We would not permit the management of students, faculty, or staff by methods of tyranny or intimidation or with an attitude of condescension. 5) We would begin to flesh out what it would look like to be a residential college in the 21st century where, if we are lucky, our student body will more truly reflect the great

diversity of race, ethnicity, class, culture that is our nation and the world, and we would want to put our best minds, our best effort toward crafting *standards of living* and learning that would contribute to the flourishing of all six.

The Honor System: a cherished institution that has guided Sweet Briar women for a century, a system that rests upon three absolute claims of truth-telling, ownership of property, and integrity of word and work. This Honor System might be expanded to include more of what is conveyed by the word...Peace. Shalom, well-being of all for all.

Finally, about Thomas, the disciple who says: "No. I don't believe on the basis of what you say. I need to see the risen Lord, I need to place my hand within the suffering of the body of God." In the church we have called him doubting, often in a tone of derision. But I do not hear Jesus rejecting Thomas. I hear: "Yes, Thomas, see for yourself. Be in touch with the wounded body of God." Thomas the disciple is Thomas the student, the one who insists on verifying the claims of his classmates. Good for Thomas. He won't skip chemistry lab. He won't rely on someone else's class notes. Thomas the student, the one who engages even the risen Lord head-on, straight on. Thomas who is willing, nay insists on being in touch with not only the triumphant, but the scarred, broken, pierced body, with the pain and suffering borne in the flesh of God.

Thomas: if we were to choose a biblical saint to guide us into the next century, we would do well to consider this student, who insists on verification, who is not content with secondhand reports or slogans, or half-time programs. When we talk about learning on the land, or our co-curricular emphasis, the Honors Program, our commitment to diversity, the empowerment of women—Thomas would hold our feet to the fire and insist on the coherence between public relations policy and practice. And we would want a Thomas around to daily remind us of the pain and suffering yet in God's world and in this place, despite its beauty and near perfection.

So with Thomas in our midst, we begin a new century. We have much to celebrate this day. We have, my friends, even more to anticipate. With grateful hearts we give thanks to God Who has brought us to this moment.

Amen

Getting Engaged

by Mary Molyneux Abrams '86

Sweet Briar Embraces the Challenge of Civic Renewal

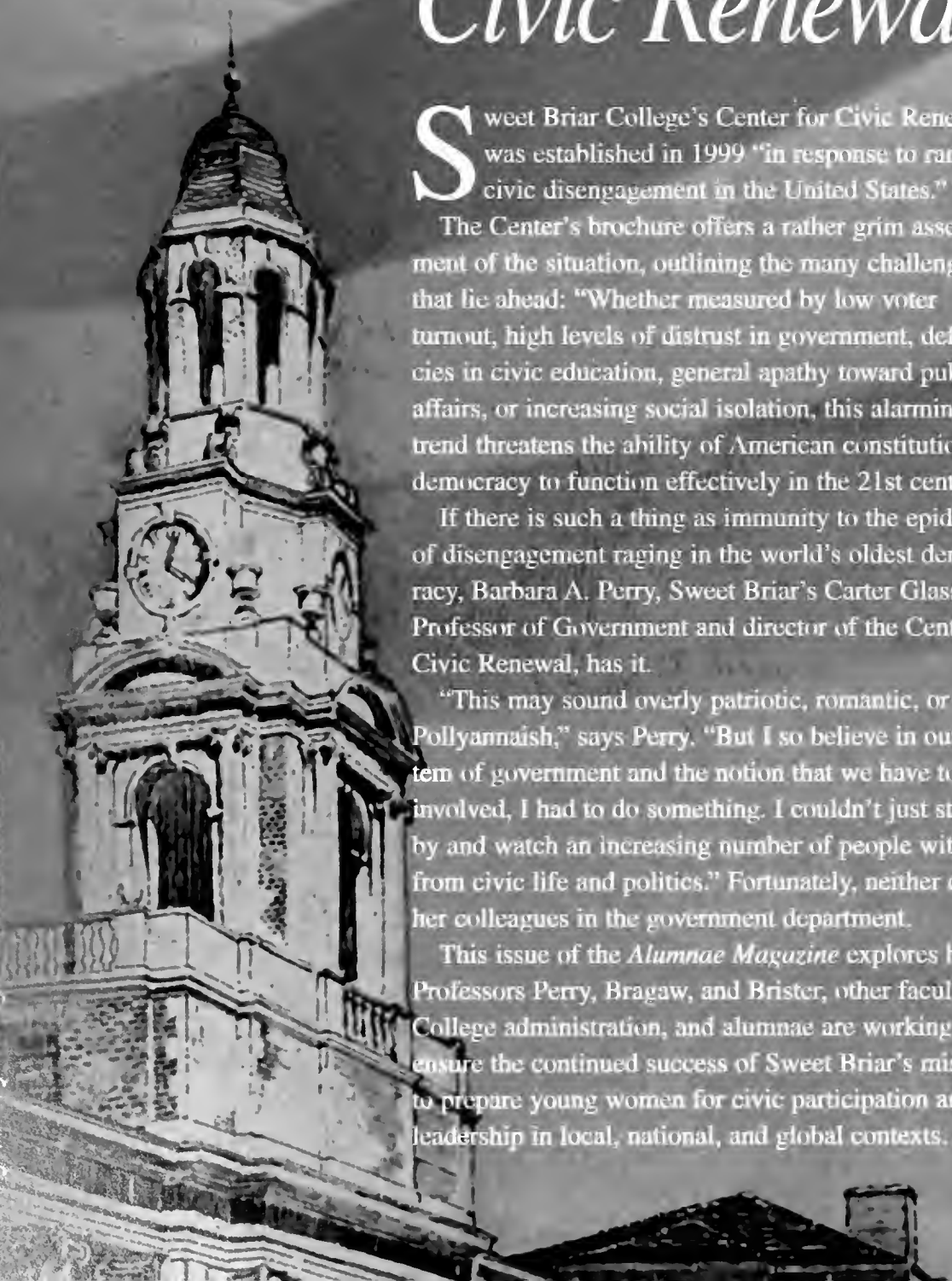
Sweet Briar College's Center for Civic Renewal was established in 1999 "in response to rampant civic disengagement in the United States."

The Center's brochure offers a rather grim assessment of the situation, outlining the many challenges that lie ahead: "Whether measured by low voter turnout, high levels of distrust in government, deficiencies in civic education, general apathy toward public affairs, or increasing social isolation, this alarming trend threatens the ability of American constitutional democracy to function effectively in the 21st century."

If there is such a thing as immunity to the epidemic of disengagement raging in the world's oldest democracy, Barbara A. Perry, Sweet Briar's Carter Glass Professor of Government and director of the Center for Civic Renewal, has it.

"This may sound overly patriotic, romantic, or Pollyannaish," says Perry. "But I so believe in our system of government and the notion that we have to be involved, I had to do something. I couldn't just stand by and watch an increasing number of people withdraw from civic life and politics." Fortunately, neither could her colleagues in the government department.

This issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* explores how Professors Perry, Bragaw, and Brister, other faculty, the College administration, and alumnae are working to ensure the continued success of Sweet Briar's mission to prepare young women for civic participation and leadership in local, national, and global contexts.



The Inspiration Behind the Center

How 3,000 people from 70 countries renewed Professor Perry

Sabbaticals are supposed to be invigorating. But at some point during her two-year leave, Barbara A. Perry attained a fever pitch that, five years later, has yet to abate.

In 1994-1995, Perry was serving as a Judicial Fellow at the United States Supreme Court. There, she received the Tom C. Clark Award as the outstanding fellow for her work in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice. She also gathered material for two books: *The Priestly Tribe: The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind* (Praeger 1999) and "The Supremes": *Essays on the Current Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States* (Peter Lang 1999).

An avid scholar and observer of the Supreme Court, Professor Perry is an expert on how changes in membership affect the Court's dynamic and direction. She has met with each of the Justices and is often called upon by the national news

media – *The New York Times*, C-SPAN, MSNBC, and ABC.com — to comment on the Court's actions.

In addition to her solo feats, Perry collaborates with colleagues, co-authoring books and firing off articles at a dazzling pace. For example, after saying goodbye to the Class of 2001 at graduation this May, she and Assistant Government Professor Stephen Bragaw put the finishing touches on a piece for the *Stamford Law and Policy Review* titled "The 'Brooding Omnipresence' in Bush vs. Gore: Anthony Kennedy, the Equality Principal, and Judicial Supremacy."

At a college that puts teaching first, Perry goes a step further by acting as the internship coordinator for her department. Her students routinely land positions in congress, the courts, and out on the campaign trail. And many continue to pursue careers in government, law, or non-profit organizations, keeping in touch as they move through graduate schools and into professional positions.

Perry understands the responsibilities of mentoring, having maintained a long relationship with her own mentor,

Supreme Court scholar Henry J. Abraham, the James Hart Professor of Government and Foreign Affairs Emeritus, at the University of Virginia. Their book, *Freedom and the Court: Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States*, 7th ed. (Oxford University Press 1998), summarizes Supreme Court decisions on civil liberties through 1997.

In the middle of all this – classes, advisees, writing assignments, and speaking engagements – Perry resolved to add the Center for Civic Renewal to her burgeoning "to do" list. Though she is deeply disturbed by civic decline in the United States, her decision was clinched by something else: the desire of non-Americans to understand and emulate our system of government.

In addition to meeting with the Justices, Perry's Fellowship at the U. S. Supreme Court gave her an opportunity to speak with 3,000 visitors, half of whom were foreign representatives from 70 different countries.

"They were people ranging from two judges from Mongolia, to German legislators, to women lawyers from Central

BARBARA A. PERRY

Director
Carter Glass Professor of Government



Barbara Perry was the 1994-95 Judicial Fellow at the Supreme Court of the United States, where she won the Tom C. Clark Award. She serves as a consultant to the Supreme Court Historical Society's

Summer Institute for Teachers. Perry is the author of numerous books and articles on the Supreme Court, including *The Priestly Tribe: The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind*, and co-author of *Freedom and the Court: Civil Rights and Liberties in the United States*. She currently is examining the impact of traditional and new media on civil rights and liberties. Perry received her B.A. from the University of Louisville, M.A. from Oxford University, and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

STEPHEN G. BRAGAW

Associate Director
Assistant Professor of Government



Stephen Bragaw was a Fellow at the Institute for Constitutional Studies in the summer of 1999, where he conducted research on his forthcoming book *The Court of the Conqueror: The*

Constitution, the Supreme Court, and the American Indian Nations. He has held research fellowships from the DuPont Foundation, the Kenmore Fund, and the Mednick Fund of the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges. Bragaw has presented papers on law and society issues at national and international conferences, as well as being a frequent commentator on public affairs radio. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University, his M.B.A. from Rensselaer, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia.

THOMAS BRISTER

Coordinator
Visiting Asst. Professor of International Affairs



Thomas Brister has taught classes in international relations and comparative politics at Sweet Briar College, the University of Virginia, and James Madison University. As the 1996 University of

Virginia Dumas Mallone Fellow he conducted field research in India examining the impact of globalization on that traditional developing society. His current research interests include a continued study of globalization with a particular focus on religion and politics. He received his B.A. from Georgetown University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia.

Law and Society

Law and Society examines how institutions, organizations, and movements are defined by, and in turn define, the parameters of the logic, rhetoric, structure, and administration of legal rules in society. The focus is not exclusively on courts, lawyers, and judges, rather, on how cultural norms, economic relationships, artistic and literary imagery, and social constructions and hierarchies influence how law is articulated in society.

Law and Society at Sweet Briar College begins with two required core courses providing the foundation for the themes, issues, and methodologies of the study of law in social contexts. Also required is the annually taught capstone seminar. Students elect three adjunct courses from three different departments. With approval, a student may opt to substitute for one adjunct class an internship supervised academically by the program director.

For more information about the L&S program, courses, and advising, go to www.civicrenewal.org.

The Minor in Law and Society (18 semester hours)

Required:

Foundations of Law and Society
Legal Theory and Public Policy
Social Movements and the Law

Choose 3 of the following courses. At least two courses must be at the 200-level, and no more than one course per department may be used toward the minor.

Society and Culture in the Roman Empire
Topics in Ancient History
Gender and Sexuality in the Ancient Mediterranean
Introduction to Environmental Issues
International Law
Constitutional Law in the United States I
Constitutional Law in the United States II
Ethics: Theories and Applications
Political Philosophy
Religion and U.S. Law
Social Psychiatry
The Sociology of Crime and Delinquency
Feminist Political Thought

With approval, students may submit one academically supervised internship for an adjunct course.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Foundations of Law and Society

An introduction to the themes and methodologies of the interdisciplinary study of law in social context. Topics include the origins of law, legal systems, and norms of dispute resolution and adjudication. Case studies will utilize comparative perspectives on the major issues of law in society.

Legal Theory and Public Policy

What is the nature of justice? What is law? What are rights? How do they influence public policy? This class is an introduction to major theories and perspectives in jurisprudence, and how these different normative and empirical traditions shape how public policy is both formed and evaluated. Case studies will utilize comparative perspectives on the major issues of legal theory and public policy.

Social Movements and the Law

Social Movements and the Law examines how law acts both instrumentally and constitutively in social organization by examining law as an instrument and symbol of legitimacy, as well as a means of social control and dispute resolution. The seminar would take comparative perspective of different societies and historical periods and culminate in the student's preparation of a major research project.

The legacy of Professor Joan Kent

The beauty of it. Professor Perry realized, was that she would not have to start from scratch.

"We were already on track," she says. "Sweet Briar's proximity to Washington, D.C. and the dedication of our alumnae there have always given our students an advantage. For decades, our international affairs department and Junior Year Abroad programs have been creating citizens of the world. We have an impressive number of graduates working in governmental and non-profit organizations at home and around the globe. And we are good at using special, on-campus events like Winter Forums to enhance classroom learning. So, in many ways, the Center began as a culmination – a pulling together and coordinating – of things we have traditionally done well."

Perry knew that the great majority of institutes or centers located on other college campuses lacked direct academic ties to their host institutions. Even more rare was the idea of having a curricular component located within the institute or center itself. When thinking about Sweet Briar's Center for Civic Renewal, Perry's primary goal was to firmly ground it in the College's curriculum. But how? What exactly would such a foundation of courses consist of? And who would teach them?

At the same time Perry was mulling these questions, Joan R. Kent, professor of history, was contemplating developing a new minor called "law and society." Bingo!

"Reconnecting people to the process," explains Perry, "requires promoting a better understanding and appreciation of the law, our legal system, and our Constitution along with the rights and obligations that stem from it. A law and society minor would provide the perfect rubric for new and existing law-related courses at Sweet Briar."

The two professors began working together, with Kent taking the lead on the curricular component, while Perry focused on the others: the mission, programmatic features, and co-curricular aspects of the Center.

Kent's interest in the project seemed to ensure that Perry's primary goal would be exceeded. Kent was nearing her 30-year anniversary of teaching at Sweet Briar.

Africa," recalls Perry. "They came from the far corners of the world, particularly from new democracies in Eastern Europe, Africa, and Latin America. Or, in some cases, from older democracies that are still struggling.

"No matter where they came from, the question was the same," continues Perry. "To the person, they would ask: 'How do

you manage to maintain this system?'"

Stirred by the notion that these visitors had traveled so far to ask her that one question, Perry felt compelled to go the extra mile to answer it. The Center for Civic Renewal is her reply.

She had worked on or chaired virtually every academic committee. She was an old hand at translating her scholarly research – European history, the history of crime, modern Britain, family history, women's history—into exciting courses. If anyone could get a law and society minor up and running, it was Joan Kent.

Sadly, Professor Kent did not live to see the project through. The news of her untimely death shocked the community. By the time she discovered her cancer, it was too late. She died on September 21, 1999. She was only 58.

Professor Bragaw assumes the challenge

Professor Perry's 1994-1995 Judicial Fellowship dovetailed into a sabbatical year, which gave her much-needed time to write. The opportunity entailed finding a two-year replacement, someone to cover her American government and constitutional law classes.

Stephen G. Bragaw stood out during the interview process and later performed so brilliantly that the College searched for a way to keep him after Perry's return. The two professors did not know each other well and, given their schedules, rarely crossed paths. Bragaw was dividing his time between the government department and the office of co-curricular life. Perry had resumed her wide range of responsibilities, adding the Center to the mix. Though she thought highly of Bragaw, she did not approach him with her ideas for civic renewal at Sweet Briar. She thought he would surely be snatched away by another college or university before the Center became a reality.

Joan Kent's passing put the curricular component of the Center back in Perry's court. She responded by reaching out within her own department and, because law and society is an interdisciplinary minor, across departments as well. In the process, she discovered that law and society was one of Bragaw's major fields of study. It also turned out that his mentor was none other than the University of Virginia's Henry J. Abraham. Perry could have scoured the academic earth and not found a better candidate to build on Professor Kent's vision.

"I am extremely fortunate," says Bragaw. "Without Joan's presence—her teaching, incredible scholarship, and administrative leadership—the law and

society minor would not have come together. She was, if you will, the entrepreneur. Whereas I'm the evangelist for the program."

Actually, Professor Bragaw's contribution went far beyond campaigning and recruiting for the new minor. It was Bragaw who coordinated the program, adding the core courses which were absent in the original proposal. In addition to teaching, he now serves as the program director and advisor, developing new courses and guiding students who are interested in pre-law studies, internships, and graduate school.

"I love being able to help train students who want to continue to pursue careers as public citizens in the field of law and ethics," says Bragaw. "But I also think it's important for all Sweet Briar students to grapple with complex legal and moral issues, so they can be involved in the debate and make contributions as private citizens in their communities."

"Technology is outpacing our current definitions of privacy and property. Genetic breakthroughs and reproductive innovations are forcing us to reconsider what it is to be a person. For example, what are the rights of a frozen embryo under state law? We have some serious work ahead of us just catching up to developments that have occurred in the last 25 years – let alone what's waiting around the corner."

The way things turned out

Students returning to campus in September 1999 would find law and society listed among the major and minor courses of study detailed in their catalogs. They could also check out the Center for Civic Renewal on the Web or go in person to the government department's offices in Benedict.

The following year, in mid-October 2000, the Center launched its inaugural Fall Symposium. The topic was "Technocracy in America 2000: The Media's Impact on Presidential Politics."

The weekend event counted NPR's Daniel Schorr, former White House correspondent Ann Compton, C-Span co-founder John Evans, and McCain campaign Web master Max Fose among an impressive list of panelists. NBC's Andrea Mitchell was the keynote speaker.

In anticipation of the Technocracy symposium, Perry had developed a special Fall Term course on media and politics. Bragaw's law and society classes also stood to benefit from the event. At the time, both professors believed that the symposium would be the highlight of the semester. Ha!

November's Presidential election trumped the Technocracy symposium, presenting the nation with a rare and shocking assortment of political and legal predicaments. Butterfly ballots, hanging chads, undervotes, overvotes, recounts, protests, law suits – the fight over Florida's 25 electoral votes provided more "real world" fodder than any government class could possibly hope to digest in the six weeks left before finals.

In December 2000, Professor Perry found herself back where this story began, at the United States Supreme Court, attending the hearing on the Bush vs. Gore controversy. This time, instead of foreign visitors, Americans were asking: How do we manage to maintain this system? Perry doesn't have all the answers. But she's doing her part.



Andrea Mitchell

Centering on the Issues: Talking Heads, Web Masters, Scholars, and Activists Enliven the Debate Over Civic Renewal



Lee Cullum '60



Melinda Baskin Hudson

Each year, the Center for Civic Renewal sponsors a major fall symposium, kicking off with "Technocracy in America 2000: The Media's Impact on Presidential Politics." The two-day conference, held just three weeks in advance of the Presidential Election, featured cutting-edge Internet pundits back-to-back with traditional print and broadcast journalists like SBC's own syndicated columnist and television commentator Lee Cullum '60.

The Center's inaugural programming continued with the Sweet Briar 2001 Winter Forums titled "Civic Renewal in the United States: Americans' Participation (or Lack Thereof) in Public Life." In addition to presenting the latest scholarly research, the lecture series included Melinda Baskin Hudson, senior vice president of America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, a non-profit organization founded and chaired by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Starting in 2001, the CCR's fall symposia are coinciding with Sweet Briar's Alumnae Council Weekend. This year's event, "271*: From Recounts to Renewal After the 'Perfect Storm,'" will review the lessons of the 2000 Presidential Election. Judge Kenneth W. Starr, independent federal prosecutor in the "Whitewater" and "Monicagate" cases, is examining the 2000 Election in the context of the role of the U.S. Supreme Court. Dr. Larry Sabato, professor, author, political commentator, and founder of the Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Virginia, is focusing on the media's role. His book, *Overtime! The Election 2000 Thriller*, will be published by Longman at the end of September.

* Florida's prize 25 electoral votes gave Bush a total of 271 to Gore's 266. Gore won the popular vote: 539,947 ballots.

Fall 2002's symposium, "Religion in the Public Square," will examine the intriguing nature of church/state conflicts in our constitutional democracy. In the spring of 2002, the Center will launch its "The Law and You" series, an annual event aimed at promoting a greater understanding of legal/political issues. The first topic, "Indian Sovereignty in Virginia," will invite an audience of Native Americans, government officials, legal scholars, and interested community members to participate in exploring the broad legal, economic, historical, and political ramifications of federal recognition of Indian tribes throughout the United States, especially in Virginia. Future "The Law and You" topics may include Sweet Briar's historic links with the African-American community, women's rights, bioethics, and student rights.



Judge Kenneth W. Starr



Dr. Larry Sabato

Civic renewal is a hot topic in political, academic, and journalistic circles. For alumnae wishing to come up to speed on the debate, Thomas Brister, visiting assistant professor of international affairs, offers an engaging primer.

His article, "What is Civic Renewal? A Guide to the Civil Society Debate," is featured on the CCR's Web site, along with an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) about the Center and the opportunities it offers SBC students, the public, and the media.

Alumnae with short attention spans may prefer to start their tour by clicking on the Web site's "Symposia" section. There, a NetCast of the entire "Technocracy in America 2000" weekend can be viewed, session by session, in RealVideo. This section also offers a peek at the upcoming Fall Symposium 2001, along with a suggested reading list.

There is no streaming video covering last year's Winter Forums on "Civic Renewal in the United States." But government major Roxanne Fox '01 attended and reviewed each of the lectures. Her essays are posted in the "Student Spotlight."

For students eager to get involved in civic activities, the CCR Web site links them to a variety of on-campus and area volunteer groups, SBC-affiliated study programs, and national service and activist organizations.

"Because of the Internet," says Professor Brister, "a small place like Sweet Briar can have a big impact. Our goal isn't utopian. The purpose of the Web site is simply to let people know that they're not as powerless as they may feel sometimes. There are plenty of step-by-step ways to become involved and stay that way."

The Web site is a work in progress. And, given the nature of the subject, there appears to be no end in sight. In addition to developing a library students can use in conjunction with events and class assignments, Brister would like to add user-friendly tools everyone can access to ferret out reliable, scholarly, in-depth information on current issues like world trade, education, energy policy, and faith-based initiatives.

"Besides acting or volunteering," says Brister, "civic engagement is about being aware and having an informed opinion. People need to know what their government is doing—at least, the fifty percent of people who vote. And that in itself is another problem. Why only fifty percent?"

Graduate Student, Teacher, Lawyer, Mentor:

SBC's duPont Scholar Will Offer Students a Multiple-Roles Model

Sweet Briar's incoming duPont Scholar, Bernie Jones, is bucking two trends. She's not only civically engaged, she has decided to put her New York University law degree to work in the classroom.

Somehow, instead of piquing her interest in the many income possibilities associated with a J.D., Jones' legal education served to increase her awareness and understanding of unresolved social issues as they played out in courtrooms and newsrooms across the country. The solution? Teaching seemed like a good place to start.

Jones began by returning to school herself, to study legal history with a concentration in race and gender at the University of Virginia. Her dissertation focuses on critical race theory, a critique of the law developed by scholars of color, starting in the 1970s. As an instructor, she developed a civil rights legal history class for history majors, and several others for advanced African-American Studies majors, guiding students through their research projects.

A few years ago, just as Sweet Briar was gearing up to launch its Center for Civic Renewal, Jones met the CCR's associate director Stephen Bragaw at a constitutional history conference in South Carolina. Bragaw, an assistant professor of government who also teaches the core courses of SBC's law and society minor, encouraged Jones to investigate the College's duPont Scholar's Program.

The duPont Program invites doctoral candidates to campus to both diversify the curriculum and provide students with graduate school role models. Scholars teach one class each semester and participate in co-curricular activities, while working to complete their dissertations.

Jones is slated to teach "American Legal History" and "Women and the Law." She has already visited the campus to present her own research. And, starting this fall,

she'll be serving as mentor to students completing their Honors Theses.

A sample look at the projects students are working on, indicates how they'll benefit from having ready access to an advisor like Jones:

Amanda Davis '02 is researching domestic violence legislation and media coverage. A government major, she is writing under the banner of her law and society minor. "Government," she explains, "focuses more on processes. Law and society looks at changing norms, which is closer to what my thesis is about."

Amanda took the first law and society class offered at Sweet Briar and followed up by enrolling in the American University Washington Term program. There, she devoted one semester to public law and the other to criminal justice.

"When my classmates at AU discovered I went to a women's college," laughs Amanda, "they said that explained why I was more outspoken. It was true. Maybe because Professor Bragaw's classes are discussion-based with a lot of essay writing, I'm used to voicing my observations and insights."



Amanda Davis '02

Against Domestic Violence, NOW, and other lobbying groups. "Those types of experiences," says Amanda, "keep you from getting burned out on your thesis. Talking to the people involved gives you a fresh perspective and a new direction to follow."

Last spring, she interned with Senator Barbara Boxer, who is a major sponsor of domestic violence legislation. She also had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the National Coalition



Bernie Jones

Kate McClellan '02 made a point of catching Patricia Ireland's Commencement address at SBC last May. "Women's place in society is not emphasized enough," says Kate. "I think it was great that we had the president of NOW as a speaker."

Kate's thesis, which is yet untitled, examines why the Women's Movement has stalled. A government major and law and society minor, her interest in the subject grew out of Professor Bragaw's "Social Movements and the Law" course combined with classes in women and gender studies. She is looking forward to having Bernie Jones on campus next year and expects the duPont Scholar will be her second reader.

Kate is applying to law school, a process she has already put in motion given her additional senior-year responsibilities. On top of her thesis and October



Kate McClellan '02

LSAT, she'll be assuming her new role as the Resident Advisor Co-Chair and resuming her old job as the student assistant for the Center for Civic Renewal.

Tapping Potential:

The Office Of Co-Curricular Life Eliminates the Barriers to Leadership and Volunteerism

"I help with research, maintaining the CCR's Web site, and work at the events," explains Kate. "It's a wonderful position. Not only do I get to listen to all the speakers, last year I was able to attend a dinner and talk one-on-one with the panelists."



Leigh Riddel '02

Leigh Riddel '02 spent her Washington Term at American University studying American politics, though she rarely saw the inside of a lecture hall. Instead, her class consisted of meetings with

Washington insiders: members of congress, lobbyists, and civil rights attorneys.

"It was a connection-building semester," says Leigh. "I was able to take all the theory I was learning at Sweet Briar and see how people in D.C. were playing it out. That's how I developed an interest in theoretical and applied politics."

For her Honors thesis, Leigh has been reading contemporary theories of congressional behavior and comparing them to political activities in her home state of Louisiana. The project includes interviewing her representatives, a task made easier because of her internship with Louisiana's senior senator John Breaux.

Leigh has always been interested in politics. But she entered SBC thinking that she would minor in government, while pursuing a more family-friendly career like teaching history. She has since changed her mind and will be taking her LSAT this fall.

"After a while," says Leigh, "after seeing so many other Sweet Briar graduates make similar choices and succeed, I came to believe that I could have the career I actually wanted and a family. I know I can do both."

For several years, Dr. Valdrie Walker, dean of Co-Curricular Life, has been expanding opportunities for students outside of the classroom. The programs she has implemented are helping to redefine and reinforce the advantages of pursuing women's education at Sweet Briar.

New ideas and improvements are continually entering the co-curricular pipeline. And it just so happens that upcoming changes in the Student Leadership Program and community volunteer programs are coinciding with the College's efforts to enhance civic engagement.

Traditionally, leadership workshops and conferences have been open to members of the Student Government Association, Academic Resource Center, Outdoor Program, and other organizations, beginning in the sophomore year. These training sessions run the gamut from *Robert's Rules of Order*, to conflict resolution, to team building. Basic skills like time management are covered along with more executive techniques such as "Think Win/Win: The Leadership Secrets of Niccolò Machiavelli."

Now, the Office of Co-Curricular Life is preparing to offer mini-workshops, covering the Leadership Program's introductory material, to all first-year students. "We're always searching for good, effective students to run for offices or appoint to College committees," explains Dean Walker. "We haven't considered freshmen, because we know they may not have training specific to our needs. This new approach will allow us to identify emerging leaders much earlier and get them involved right away."

Emerging and veteran student leaders are certainly welcome in a brand-new effort called V.I.P.S.—Volunteer Interlink Program and Service Learning. This far-reaching, flexible program will provide students with on-campus and off-campus volunteer opportunities. Activities may be linked to a student's academic goals as part of a "service learning" experience or remain separate from her studies, fulfilling a sense of civic responsibility.

One participating agency, a homeless shelter called Hands-Up Lodge, plans to transport resident children to Sweet Briar on a regular basis. Campus organizations will take turns sponsoring the children, developing indoor and outdoor activities centered on enhancing self-esteem.

Partnering with the Lynchburg Department of Social Services (LDSS), students will travel off-campus to assist clients and the children of clients enrolled in the VIEW Plus Program—Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare. Activities for children may include computer training, reading, math tutoring, art projects—any experiences the LDSS and SBC agree are appropriate. Upperclass students will have an opportunity to prepare adult training sessions, assisting parents with life skills like creating a resume, applying for work or college, interviewing, and time management.

Perhaps the best feature of the new volunteer program is its comprehensive "Information Hub," a central exchange or database that replaces the annual Get Involved Fair. Housed in the assistant to the dean's office, the Hub will give students a single resource they can use throughout the year to match their interests (and times available) with all volunteer and service learning opportunities in the community.

"By overlooking first-year students and promoting volunteerism annually, we were losing a lot of potential," says Dean Walker. "Sweet Briar students want to be engaged. That's why they're here. Now they can start earlier, plan better, and reach outside of themselves on an ongoing basis."

A Tale of Two Trumans:

Susannah Silverbrand Cooper '94 and Tia Trout '02 Win the Highly Selective Harry S. Truman Scholarship

This May, rising Sweet Briar senior Tia Trout took a week off from her summer job in the Clerk's Office at the United States Supreme Court to attend a Truman Scholar leadership development program and awards ceremony in Independence, Missouri. The event was a combination celebration and work session for 70 scholarship winners selected from among 592 candidates representing 303 colleges and universities nationwide.

"I gained a lot of practical experience," says Tia. "In addition to attending seminars, we had to come up with a policy proposal, helping to provide day care services for families transitioning from welfare to work. Then, we had to defend our proposal before a panel of judges. It was a huge field to dive into, but I think we did a pretty good job."

Truman Scholars have an exceptional knack for presenting and defending their ideas in front of distinguished panels of judges. Each Truman Finalist goes through what Tia describes as a "grueling" interview conducted by a group of senior government officials, college and university presidents, and former Truman Scholars. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of their leadership potential, including vision, sensitivity, and communication skills; commitment to a career in government or the not-for-profit sector; intellectual ability and class rank; and prospects of performing well in graduate school. Tia's academic performance and co-curricular activities at SBC enabled the panel to place a big check mark next to all of the above.

At Sweet Briar, Tia has participated in numerous efforts to support academic, civic, and community engagement, including spending Saturday mornings teaching 4th and 5th grade children about archaeology, working as a resident advisor, tutoring at the Academic Resource Center, and initiating a campus discussion promoting academic rigor.

She served as class president during her freshman, sophomore and junior years, and was recently elected president of the College's Student Government

Association.

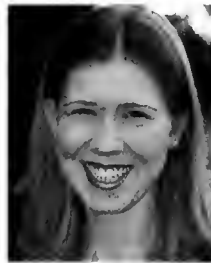
A government major with a concentration in law and society, minoring in music, Tia plans to pursue a law degree with a focus on health and bioethics. In preparation, she has assisted Robin Davies, Sweet Briar associate professor of biology, with work on the Human Genome Project. This fall, she will begin an independent study with Professor Bragaw, examining bioethical issues.

The \$30,000 Truman Scholarship will provide \$3,000 toward Tia's final year of study at Sweet Briar, leaving \$27,000 for two or three years of graduate study. Scholars also receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and special internship opportunities within the federal government.

Sweet Briar's 1993 Truman Scholar, Susannah Silverbrand Cooper '94, is "amazed by the opportunities the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation created" for her and she encourages Tia to make the most of everything, including the fellowship.

An international affairs major and Italian minor (who completed her studies in three years), Susannah entered Sweet Briar with hopes of becoming a Foreign Service Officer. She focused on the Middle East after realizing it was a region with political and economic issues that were likely to be at the forefront of international affairs for years to come. She had read Thomas Friedman's *From Beirut to Jerusalem*, which motivated her "to study the Middle East at length." After graduation, the Foundation covered a year of postgraduate study abroad at the American University in Cairo, followed by a two-year master's program in Arab studies at Georgetown University.

In September 1997, Susannah joined the State Department's Foreign Service,



Tia Trout '02

starting with entry-level consular positions in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Kingston, Jamaica. She married another officer, Sean Cooper, in 1998. This summer, the couple was transferred to Doha, Qatar, in the Persian Gulf, where Susannah will start work in her chosen field or "cone" as an Economic Officer.

"Obviously," explains Susannah, "this will involve a great deal of reporting on the state of the oil and natural gas industry and lobbying on behalf of U.S. businesses seeking opportunities in Qatar. Beyond oil and gas, I'll work on aviation, labor, international property rights, open markets and other economic issues. I will also be responsible for many aspects of the U.S. delegation's visit to the upcoming World Trade Organization Ministerial to be held in Doha in November."

"The best part of my job is acting as an American representative to countries and people around the world. I strive to demonstrate that the United States understands local issues, even as we advocate our own policies, and explain why the adoption of these policies would be beneficial to their country."

Susannah is also a great Sweet Briar representative, always ready to advocate on behalf of the College – especially its department of government and international affairs.

"One thing I would like to stress," she says, "is how Sweet Briar provides opportunities which may not be possible at larger universities."

"Preparation for the Truman Scholarship was the most challenging aspect of my years at SBC. I had regular sessions with Professors Perry, Key, and Grimm to prepare me for any and all topics that might be discussed during the interview. Without this preparation, I doubt I would have succeeded. One of the students I competed against studied at Harvard – but had no specific preparation for the Truman interview and was ultimately unsuccessful in the interview process."

"The fact is, every student at SBC is an individual and the faculty encourages all of them to strive to reach their individual dreams. Today I am living my dream, working as a Foreign Service Officer of the United States. Sweet Briar was instrumental in making this possible."

First Annual "Networking for the Future" Reception in Washington, D.C. Coincides with SBC's Model EU Debut

Washington, D.C. alumnae will want to mark their calendars for the second annual "Networking for the Future" reception planned for November 28, 2001 on Capital Hill.

The informal, catered event — a collaboration between the College's government and international affairs department and the Alumnae Club of Washington, D.C. — brings current students, recent graduates, and alumnae together to discuss the educational, internship, and career opportunities available inside the beltway.

Last year's inaugural "Networking" reception coincided with Sweet Briar's impressive debut at the Mid-Atlantic Model European Simulation. Fourteen students from Professor Jeffrey Key's "Contemporary European Affairs" seminar represented Ireland in the event.

Before the simulation, the Sweet Briar delegation had the chance to meet with Gerry Kelly, press secretary of the Embassy of Ireland. When asked about Ireland's role as a small country in the EU, Kelly responded in boxing terms. "Ireland," he said, "punches above its weight." The phrase resonated with the students and became SBC's motto for the duration of the simulation. It also serves as an apt description of the "Networking" event that followed.

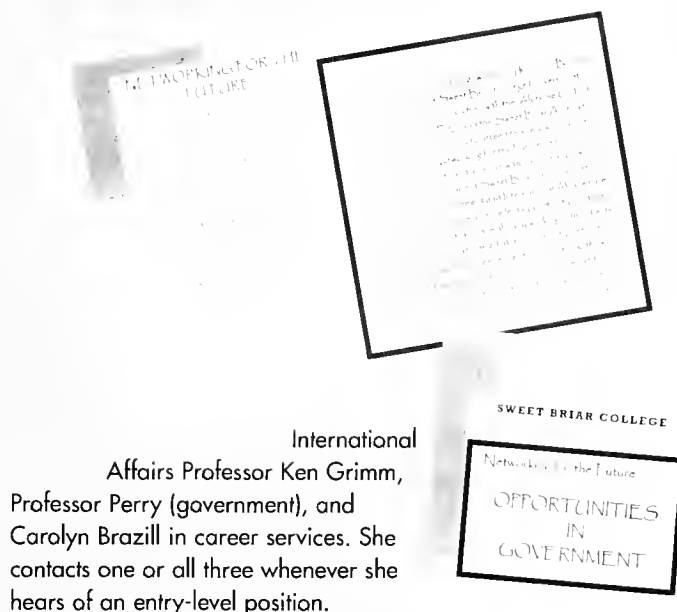
When asked to host a reception for the government and international affairs department, the Washington Alumnae Club went to work immediately, fashioning an event that would be both fun and effective.

The Club's executive committee — a group of math and physics majors led by President Jane Frierson '74 and Vice President Kay Glenday '69, and including Janeen Sharma '96, Erin Sobotta '99, Nancy Mortensen Piper '74, and Joanne Hopkins '98 — decided to pall students and alumnae in advance of the event, gathering up-to-date information to enhance networking possibilities now and in the future.

The Club set up a special Hotmail® account and Abigail Phillips '96 created a questionnaire that could be completed online or by mail. Janeen Sharma designed an invitation, highlighting the benefits of attending the reception at Laughborough House, home of the Junior League of Washington. Sandra Vonetes '75 signed on to provide the floral arrangements.

"It was Sandra," recalls Jane Frierson, "who prompted Karin Lawson Look '74 into giving an inspiring, impromptu speech about her career [as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Strategic Technology Affairs for the Bureau of Verification and Compliance]. Suzanne Petrie '91, who has helped several students get jobs in Washington, was also on hand to answer questions and share her experience."

Suzanne, Senior Country Director of Inter-American Affairs for the office of the Secretary of Defense, still keeps in touch with



International Affairs Professor Ken Grimm, Professor Perry (government), and Carolyn Brazill in career services. She contacts one or all three whenever she hears of an entry-level position.

"It's so easy," says Suzanne. "I'm in a position and place where I hear about internship opportunities and job vacancies all the time."

Typically, all I do is forward the e-mail or fax the information and Sweet Briar does the hard part, pulling lists of qualified students and querying their professors. Then I get the credit for finding super-competent people. It's great.

"I strongly believe," continues Suzanne, "that I would not be where I am today if I hadn't gone to Sweet Briar. I was so well prepared, I aced grad school — American University's School of International Service — while working at the same time. From there, I went into the Presidential Management Program, a fast-track promotion program that led to a job in army foreign intelligence, which had me rotating through Capitol Hill as an Armed Services Committee liaison. That's the short version and it's just the beginning. My last position was in the

White House, working as [former U.S. Drug Czar] Barry McCaffrey's Mexico director for all counter-drug policy."

It's meeting alumnae like Suzanne (not to mention all the math and physics majors who help pull these government networking events together) that keeps Jane Frierson going as D.C. Club president.

"When I graduated," says Jane, "I had close friends that I knew I would treasure for a lifetime. But I never dreamed I'd have another set of younger Sweet Briar friends — this refreshing rendition — that would keep me connected to the College the way it is today. It's been an unexpected pleasure."



Suzanne Petrie '91

The Latest, Greatest, & Most Sophisticated Class of 1944

"Every generation," says Professor Perry, "thinks they're the latest, greatest, and most sophisticated. But, after talking to alumnae like Louise Barry from the Class of 1944, it's clear that Sweet Briar students have always been involved in civic endeavors and world affairs.

"Louise's class was lacked in a wartime rationing situation that didn't allow them to leave campus, yet they managed to reach out anyway. It's humbling to think about, especially sitting here in the middle of all this technology that links us minute-to-minute to the entire globe."

Louise Smith Barry majored in international affairs. "It was a rare thing," she recalls. "I think Yale offered it—and that's about it. If I remember correctly, Dora Neill Raymond, Sweet Briar professor of modern European history, started the major and she limited the number to four in each class. There was a lot of interest. Even the International Relations Club maintained a list of students waiting to be accepted."

Louise, who earned a master's in library science, became active in the League of Women Voters. She is extremely proud of the accomplishments of her classmates. "Seven of them went into the WACS," she says. "And many went on to do amazing things."

Among the "amazing" classmates Louise has kept track of over the years, Peggy Garden Seiler went on to graduate from The University of Virginia Law School and maintains a practice in Richmond, where she has also championed mental health issues in the state legislature. Alice Lancaster Buck, who worked for Admiral Rickover, earned her master's in history and went on to write a history of the atomic submarine. Janet Munt Staples earned a master's in social work at Columbia University and is currently serving as a senator in the Vermont State Legislature.

Senior Floor Assistant Katie Gumerson '97 Whips GOP Senators Into Shape on the Issues

When U. S. Senator James Jeffords of Vermont left the Republican Party at the end of May, giving Democrats control of the Senate for the first time in seven years, Katie Gumerson's job description changed overnight. She is still the senior floor assistant for Senator Don Nickles (R-Okla.). The difference is that Nickles' leadership position has flipped from assistant majority leader to assistant minority leader. He's now the minority whip, the senator in charge of "whipping" — continually polling and cajoling — GOP members toward a consensus on issues.

"Our roles have changed a little bit," says Katie. "This is the first time I've worked in the minority and it actually makes my life a bit easier. Before, to win on a vote, we had to get 51 senators to vote together. Now the objective is not necessarily to win, but to defeat the Democrats on amendments. To do that, we only need 41 votes. Also, in the majority, we were in charge of setting the schedule. Now we're no longer responsible for the work of the Senate as a body."

Katie may have modified her tactics, but her daily routine, running from her desk to the senate floor and back again, is exactly the same. Her constituents are not the citizens of Oklahoma — that happens in Senator Nickles' personal office. Katie works in the whip office, serving Republican senators and their staffs.

"Senate procedure," explains Katie, "is not something most people know well, including the senators themselves. I'm constantly on the floor making sure that our senators are positioning themselves the right way — getting their votes in first or last, being recognized, speaking, and laying down their amendments."

"The great thing about handling floor strategy is that I get to work on every issue. I have to study every piece of legislation, which gets easier as time goes on.

For example, we've been debating the Patient's Bill of Rights for five years."

Katie's association with Senator Nickles started during her years as a Sweet Briar government major. She interned once in the field office in Oklahoma City and twice in the personal office in Washington, D.C. After graduation, she returned to Washington, starting as a legislative assistant before moving over to the whip office on the second floor of the Capitol, just off the Senate floor.

"The government department always encouraged me to gain experience and go after internships," says Katie. "My junior year, I went up to D.C. during January to intern with the Dole campaign. The following month, when Sweet Briar was back in session, I received a call asking if I could take a week to work on the New Hampshire primary. I thought there was no way I could do it. But when I asked my professors about it, they said there was no way I could refuse! They made it possible for me to go and write a paper about it."

At first, Katie imagined herself working on campaigns for the Republican National Committee. But, through a combination of classes and internships, she developed an equally strong interest in policy and legislation. In many ways, her current position captures a bit of both worlds: the perpetual motion and excitement of campaigning, along with the satisfaction of getting down to work on the issues.

"I love it," says Katie. "I have the greatest job in the world. It's unpredictable, but that's part of what makes it so intriguing. When Jeffords switched, sure, I was devastated. But that's politics. This is what we do. And things can flip back just as quickly. We could be in the majority again tomorrow."

Sweet Briar's 38th Peace Corps Volunteer, Angela Aiken '01, Heads to Honduras

Sweet Briar did not give me a social conscience," says Angela Aiken '01, "but the College did help me develop and target my interests."

Angela, a psychology major and Spanish minor, entered Sweet Briar with an eye on a career in broadcast journalism. She volunteered with community service organizations throughout her high school years and also enjoyed working at a local television station. Journalism appeared to offer a way to merge both of those activities. As a journalist, she could act on her concerns and educate people about pressing social problems like homelessness, health care, and the environment. But after interning at CNN, Angela changed her mind.

"Journalism is fun," says Angela. "There's a part of me that will always love it, though it's definitely not what I was meant to do. I couldn't make it my mission in life."

Sweet Briar's emphasis on experiential learning — internships, practicums, abroad studies, and volunteer work — helps students clarify their educational and professional goals. Testing career possibilities, as in Angela's case, often results in crossing off options. It's a process of exploration and elimination. And students are encouraged to keep at it.

Angela spoke with a Peace Corps recruiter who visited the campus during her junior year, initiating the application process. Then, working through Professor Perry in the Sweet Briar government department, she entered a new Washington Semester Program at American University called "Transforming Communities."

"It was great. Right up my alley," Angela says with a mix of excitement and relief. "The program was really hands on. I had done community service work before, but nothing like this. We met with



Angela Aiken '01

experts in the field, people who do the job all day, every day. We went to homeless shelters, hospitals, welfare-to-work offices — the whole gamut of the non-profit world.

"As part of my internship, I worked for the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, a non-profit that offers resources, training, and support to grassroots organizations in low-income neighborhoods. I also worked for Whitman-Walker Clinic's AIDS services, talking with Latino and African-American women about safe sex and other forms of prevention."

When Angela was accepted into the Peace Corps at the end of her senior year, she was ready. For the next two years and three months, she will be in Honduras, Central America, working on HIV/AIDS education and other health issues.

"I'll be responsible for training health workers, midwives, and adolescents from three to five different communities," explains Angela. "so they can, in turn, instruct others about AIDS prevention. Honduras has a high infant mortality rate and I'll work to strengthen programs that focus on children's health."

"Everybody has a contribution to make," continues Angela. "People don't need to join the Peace Corps to make a difference. Small steps add up; they count for something. So many of my friends are concerned about their communities and what's going on in the world. They'll find their own way to get involved. I think this generation cares more than we get credit for."

Since the founding of the Peace Corps 40 years ago, 38 Sweet Briar alumnae have volunteered, serving in 30 different countries around the globe.

Erin Curpier Whipple '94 Plans to Really Deliver This Semester

Erin Curpier Whipple '94 is in her third semester and third trimester.

In 2000, just as she was finishing classes for her master's in Public Policy and Management at the University of Southern Maine, the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service extended its offerings, initiating a Ph. D. program in the same field. She decided to apply and received a full scholarship. "I'm not planning to stop for the baby," says Erin. "I'm taking classes this fall, and she'll continue right along with me."

Erin is concentrating in juvenile justice and has been interning in related agencies: the Governor's Office, the Maine Department of Corrections, the Children's Cabinet, and the Statistical Analysis Center. In the middle of it all, as luck would have it, her husband started working as an assistant district attorney, prosecuting juveniles in Cumberland County. The "in" has allowed her to study the county's innovative juvenile drug court and interview probation officers.

"I'm very passionate about this stuff," says Erin. "And the Sweet Briar government department has a lot to do with it. Their focus on civic involvement is inspirational. They expect the best from their students and, even years later, you find yourself wanting to live up to those expectations and inspire others."

Erin is due in October; finals take place in December. "But it's wonderful," she says. "The professors here are committed to helping me get through. I'm hoping that I can catch up by the end of the semester and do this without skipping a beat."

Valerie Walston '98 Puts Cato in Prime Time

Valerie Walston '98 is making news. That's what she does for a living. In February of this year, she started a new job as media relations manager for the Cato Institute, working as a liaison between Cato scholars and television news producers. By the middle of June, she was promoted to director of broadcast operations.

The Cato Institute is a nonpartisan think tank, promoting "public policy based on individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peace." Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the organization boasts 75 employees, 55 adjunct scholars, and 14 fellows who fill the pages of three publications and seven Web sites, sponsor international conferences, and pack the airwaves with up-to-the-minute research and commentary on

subjects ranging from the future of affirmative action, to the condition of the Chinese economy, to state limits on online automobile sales in the U. S.

The 24-year-old institute has traditionally enjoyed exposure through what Valerie calls "scholarly-type news media"—NPR, PBS, and the editorial page of *The Wall Street Journal*. Her goal is to lead Cato in a more mainstream direction. "I think I've already done that to a degree," she says. "Almost any day of the week you can turn on "NBC Nightly News," Fox's "The O'Reilly Factor," or MSNBC's "News with Brian Williams" and see a Cato scholar, but there's a lot more I'd like to do."

Recently, working with one of the scholars, Valerie was able to turn research regarding the inefficiencies of the United

States Post Office into an exposé on "Good Morning America." She's developing similar pieces for "20/20" and "Dateline NBC."

When asked to give a job description, Valerie will laugh and tell you that she gets paid to watch television. There is some truth to that statement. "One of the reasons I love this job," she explains, "is that it's so measurable. I can turn on the TV at night and see exactly how I did that day."

Valerie's position at Cato is challenging and hectic. But her previous career—hopping from one political campaign, to another, to another—makes her days at Cato seem serene by comparison.

As a Sweet Briar government major, Valerie arranged three internships in the office of former California Governor Pete

Falling Together: Ariana Wolyne-Werner '01 Plans to Build on Her SBC Experience at The University of Chicago

"Sweet Briar opened a lot of doors for me," says Ariana Wolyne-Werner '01, "and I'm not ready to close any of them."

Ariana, a double major in government and religion with a minor in dance performance, is entering the Master of Arts in Religion Program at the University of Chicago this fall. She plans to continue at Chicago, earning a Ph.D. in religion with a joint Juris Doctor degree at the law school.

"Often," says Ariana, "when I would tell people that I was majoring in government and religion, they'd do a double take, thinking it was an odd combination. But many of the authors I was reading in 'Political Philosophy' I was also reading in 'The Comparative Philosophy of Religion.' Not necessarily the same texts, but the same writers exploring societal needs in the context of government and religion. The two tied together in interesting ways."

Ariana's internship and co-curricular experiences also meshed perfectly and greatly enhanced her academic pursuits. "It turned out to be a natural progression," she says. "I started interning in local and state government, working my way up to the national level. In between, the experience I gained at Sweet Briar, working as the publicity officer for student government and setting up our initial Web site, ended up helping a lot. It's nice when seemingly unrelated activities all fall together."

Her freshman year, Ariana arranged a January internship with her state governor, Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania. By her senior year, she was working behind the scenes at President George W. Bush's inauguration. Her inaugural assignment stemmed from a summer internship designing Web sites for both the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies and the Senate Rules Committee.

In addition to highlighting the academic and co-curricular advantages of attending Sweet Briar, Ariana considers the College's social environment to be a lasting, key benefit.

"I'm more open-minded," says Ariana, "because Sweet Briar is so close-knit. I know that sounds contradictory. But students at larger schools can easily congregate exclusively with people who are just like them. Here, you're in constant, close contact with students who represent a diverse range of opinions. You have to be willing to explore other ideas. You have to find ways to interact with people from different backgrounds, who you may or may not agree with, and still remain friends."

"Coming from Sweet Briar, many of us are already deeply engaged in the issue of civic renewal. And I think eventually our educations and experiences will put us in the forefront of the debate."





Valerie Wolston and Sean Hannity, Host, Fox News Channel "Hannity and Colmes" (which just beat out "Lorry King Live" in the ratings) on the set of the show.

Wilson. After graduation, she signed on as his assistant press secretary. Several months later, when Wilson lost to Gray Davis in November 1998, she moved to Tennessee to serve as press secretary for Lamar Alexander, the former Governor who was then in the race for the Republican presidential nomination. When Alexander dropped out, Valerie dropped in on the Republican National Committee. There, she served as deputy press secretary on the print side of Governor Bush's campaign through the 2000 Presidential Election and post-election fiasco.

In the weeks between the election and the U. S. Supreme Court decision favoring Bush, Valerie found herself reciting lessons learned in her government classes at Sweet Briar. "Oh my gosh it came in helpful," she says. "You'd be surprised how many reporters—not only foreign correspondents, but American correspondents—confided, 'Look, I just don't know this.' They didn't have a handle on the process."

From the first day she stepped into former Governor Wilson's office, Valerie has wanted to be involved in the civic arena. "I must have been wearing my rose-colored glasses that day," she recalls, "but there was something magical about it. Even though my role in the Governor's office was very small, I felt like I was working for the common good."

Six years, three campaigns, and four jobs later, Valerie's spirits are still up. "It's still magical," she says. "If you can manage to get beyond your own cynicism, Washington, D.C. is a great city."

"I think what Professors Perry and Bragaw are doing, creating a Center for Civic Renewal, is wonderful; it's unique. Mixing academics, current issues, the media, and real life experiences together is, I think, a great way to prevent students from becoming disenchanted."

Valerie admits that she's happy in her current position, a few steps removed from the center of the political arena. "I still haven't met Mr. Smith," she says, "but I'm sure he's here somewhere."



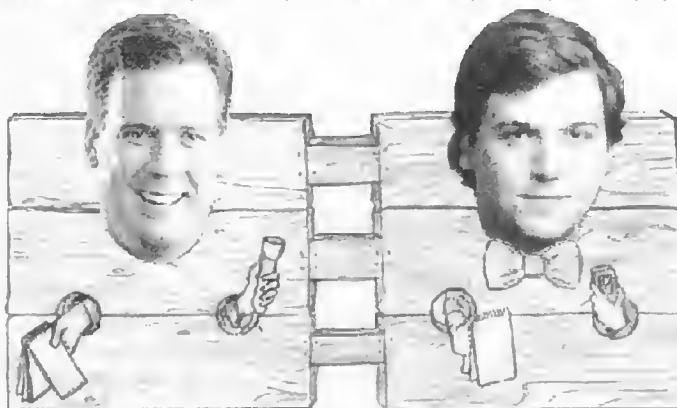
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When presidential candidate Gore went weeks without scheduling a press conference, Valerie created this cartoon just for fun and foxed a new version out doily, alternating the faces of the reporters appearing in the stockade. The joke received a lot of coverage, grabbing the attention of both print and television journalists.

Unconventional Directions:

Allison Davis '00 Joins The Genocide Prevention Center

Allison Davis," says Professor Bragaw, "is a good example of the type of Sweet Briar student the law and society minor will be serving in the 21st century. She's taking her interdisciplinary studies in a very important, unconventional direction. She wants to make a real difference. And she's not the only one."

Allison, a government major and history minor, spent her junior year abroad at St. Andrews, where she developed an interest in international relations. She was one of the first students to enroll in law and society classes when they became available her senior year. She also studied globalization and international law with Professor Brister, took psychology, sociology, and art history

classes, and still considers Professor Berg's "Idea of Race" to be "one of the most useful courses a history student can take in terms of its perspective and approach, paying close attention to primary sources."

Throughout her senior year, Allison searched for the graduate program, career, or volunteer experience that would somehow both encompass and expand her interests. "Professor Perry," Allison says, "helped me realize that, even though I love the law, I didn't want to practice it. I spoke with Professor Key and some of his contacts about the State Department, but could tell that it wasn't a good fit. I spent a lot of time talking with Professor Bragaw about options like the Peace Corps. Then I found

a master's program in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University."

After graduating from SBC, Allison went abroad for the summer, this time to Brussels, where she interned with a member of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, John Cushman of the Republic of Ireland. Her work focused on the foreign security and defense policy of the European Union, researching the feasibility of a rapid reaction force in Europe. "I'm fascinated by that type of work," she says. "Unfortunately, I'm not a European citizen, so it wasn't a long-term possibility."

This spring, while working on her master's in D.C., Allison discovered the perfect job right in her own backyard. She's working for The Genocide Prevention Center, a new organization that describes itself as "creating a workable standard and a credible system that the media and the international community can use to rely on for warnings of imminent genocide."

For Allison, whose thesis centers on peacekeeping operations, the Center's mission and approach supports her academic interests, as well as her personal ideals.

"We're not duplicating Amnesty International or Human Rights Watch," says Allison. "We monitor the precursors of genocide. For example, if we hear that a church, synagogue, or mosque has been burned, we get the coordinates and take satellite images of the site. The new images are compared with existing photos and the information is presented to U.N. member states and the media."

"It's idealistic and practical – and it actually does help. Right now we're a small but lively and dedicated group. I'm learning a whole lot about running a non-profit organization."



Allison Davis '00, above, Top: the Genocide Prevention Center

One Down, One to Go: Christine Bump '00 Finishes Her Master's and Follows with Law School

Christine Bump's seemingly mismatched course of study at Sweet Briar — a government major with a minor in chemistry — has provided her with "the perfect segue" into Emory University's joint degree program, combining a law degree with a master's in public health.

Christine, who did her Sweet Briar Honors thesis on the need for genetic privacy legislation, credits the College for giving her "the opportunity to find the place where legal issues and science overlap."

In February, as part of her public health studies, Christine began interning at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Environmental Health. She has since been hired to tackle a necessary and time-consuming task, compiling a quick reference of existing federal regulations and policies for a whole handful of pesticides, metals, phthalates, and other materials.

"It's a summary and it's already 54 pages!" laughs Christine. "My goal is to make it easy to update. I'm learning an incredible amount and putting Professor McClenon's 'Organic Chemistry' course to good use."

Christine expects to complete her master's degree in August and begin law school in the fall. So far, she's delighted with the dual-degree program and grateful for her grounding in government.

"The majority of people in the public health program are either physicians or on their way to medical school," says Christine. "Many others have a background in economics, because policy is so entrenched in finance."

"In class, we often get caught up on the money end, coming up with various funding schemes. And usually, at some point, I have to raise my hand and say, 'I'm sorry, this isn't politically feasible' or 'Wait a minute — this isn't constitutional.' We all approach problems from different standpoints and I'm very glad I have a grasp of the political implications."

Christine is still interested in genetic privacy. But a recent course on women's and children's health policy has engaged her just as much. "I can't say which it's going to be," she says. "I'm keeping both avenues open."



Christine Bump '00

Smart Growth:

Kindle Samuel '98 Builds a Strong Foundation Toward a Career in Urban Planning and Development

This fall, Kindle Samuel '98 is entering an intensive, one-year master's program in real estate development at Columbia University. News of her acceptance came while she was enrolled in a summer program in urban planning and design at Harvard University. The two programs complement each other. "Harvard's mini 'crash course' approaches problems from a design perspective," explains Kindle. "Whereas Columbia explores policy and planning issues."

Kindle, who has already earned a master's degree in accounting from the Kenen-Flager School of Business at UNC—Chapel Hill, laughs and says that this should get her "schooling stuff out of the way — at least, for a little while."

There is a method to Kindle's master's-degree madness.

"I am really privileged," she says. "I've had wonderful educational access and experiences throughout my life and I want to give back, to find a way to make people's lives better. I believe I can do the most good by working to change conditions in urban areas — the inner city."

The summer after her junior year, Kindle attended Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Public Policy and International Affairs Summer Institute, a rigorous, seven-week preparatory program for graduate school. She followed that experience with an internship, restoring a long-abandoned landmark, American Can Company, along the waterfront in her hometown, Baltimore.

"A Sweet Briar alumna, Katie Hearn '85, was the lead developer on the project," recalls Kindle. "She let me in on every aspect of her job, so I received a comprehensive, high-level view of the whole development project. I was also able to participate in things like securing tenants. I went along on site surveys and design approvals. I even got to do some finance

modeling.

"The internship helped me attach my ideals to a career. I knew I wanted to make cities better places for everyone to live, but I didn't know exactly where to begin."

Kindle's determination surprised even herself. Instead of public policy, she veered into business. She chose a master's in accounting to secure a solid footing in finance, statistics, and modeling. "It was foreign to me," she explains. "Up until that point, I had no interest in business and accounting. But I knew from my internship that I needed to master the tools involved in making strategic financial decisions."

"Now I'm working in the consulting division of Ernst & Young, in the Real Estate Group, where I'm learning a great deal about the industry. There is a ton of development going on in Harlem and our firm is really involved in that. My eyes have been opened wide — it's been so exciting. And that's where Columbia comes in. I'm comfortable with the financial end. It's time to focus on the other challenges of urban development."

In her spare time, Kindle volunteers for organizations like the Enterprise Foundation. Co-founded in 1982 by the visionary couple Patricia Traugott Rouse '48

and her late husband Jim Rouse, the foundation is "a national, non-profit housing and community development organization working with partners to provide low-income people with affordable housing, safer streets, and access to jobs and care."

"The Rouses combined an interest in development with a passion for helping people," says Kindle. "Their foundation does so much—I wouldn't try to list it all for fear of leaving something out. Right now, I do anything I can to help, from fund-raising activities to meeting with neighborhood associations."

Kindle has been asked to join the foundation's junior board of young professionals. She has already served on the Board of Directors of Sweet Briar College as a

Young Alumnae Trustee and recently accepted an invitation to serve another three years as a regular Board member.

"Sweet Briar is really invested in students and seeing students succeed," says Kindle. "There's so much to take advantage of and explore; you can truly test and stretch your abilities, and find a focus. That's how I developed this wild, non-stop inter-



Kindle Samuel '98

est in development. I can't wait to get out there. It would be wonderful to take the neighborhood I grew up in — and all my cousins and friends grew up in — to take it and turn it around. That would make me pretty happy. Then I'd feel like I was really doing something."

Walking the Walk:

Amy Campbell '97 and Melissa Henning '99 continue along civic-minded paths leading out from SBC

At the end of May, less than two weeks after receiving her M.A. in government from the University of Virginia, Amy Campbell '97 packed up and hit the road for Arlington, Virginia. She had only two days—a rainy weekend—to settle in before starting her new job in Georgetown, consulting for Reingold. Amy chose the full-service, issue-based consulting firm in part because the president is a woman, as is the majority of the staff. Another reason was that Reingold responded positively to the notion of Amy continuing her own research outside of the organization, eventually turning her thesis on Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg into a book.

At Sweet Briar, Amy double majored in premed and government, while working as a resident advisor and logging as many as 30 hours a week with the local volunteer rescue squad. She maintained the same phenomenal pace through graduate school: researching and writing her thesis, attending the Virginia Governor's Fellows Program, volunteering with the Junior League, working on democratic campaigns, and serving as the director of the programming department for the University of Virginia Women's Center.

Working at the Women's Center gave Amy an opportunity to apply her premed background toward women's health issues. "For too long," she says, "the medical community treated women as small men. What we're learning is that, even though we're both human beings, women and men are biologically very different. My Sweet Briar science background came in handy, especially when the Center was partnering with the medical school to plan educational programs. And I'll be leading teams on those types of issues at Reingold, too."

Amy's position at the Center also sparked a new passion for public relations, events planning, and fund-raising. And no wonder. Her two-year term coin-

cided with an unusual alignment of celebrations. The year 2000 marked the 10th anniversary of the Women's Center, the 20th anniversary of studies in women and gender, and the 30th anniversary of full coeducation at UVA.

"We had a big fall semester," says Amy. "Gloria Steinem was here to discuss the future of feminism, we invited Elizabeth Birch with the Human Rights Campaign, Aviva Jane Carlin performed her award-winning *Jodie's Body*—all as part of our anniversary 'Shapers of the World' series. I had a blast. It was a good time to be at Women's Center."

Recently, Amy recommended one of the Center's undergraduate staff members to the Virginia Citizenship Institute (VCI) Summer Program at George Mason University. Always one to tout the achievements of other SBC graduates, Amy was delighted to discover that Melissa Henning '99 is VCI's associate director.

"The program Melissa is running is amazing," says Amy. "In terms of non-partisan civic training, there's nothing that



Amy Campbell '97

rivals it. It's the premiere program for college students in Virginia. And now, with Melissa's leadership, you know it will grow and become even better."

The Virginia Citizenship Institute was founded in 1996 by Greg Werkheiser, a University of Virginia law student, "on the premise that good citizenship is not an innate characteristic; it must be taught and learned." VCI's monthlong, residential Summer Program introduces the state's future leaders to each other, to the challenges of civic engagement, and to the movers and shakers—politicians, journalists, CEO's, lobbyists, religious leaders, activists, and scholars—who are currently helping to shape the Commonwealth.

After graduation in 1999, Melissa, a

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music major with an arts management certificate, attended VCI's highly competitive Summer Program, which was then temporarily based at the University of Virginia. She was an ideal candidate, having served as Student Government president, member of the SBC Strategic Planning, Advising, and Orientation Committees, Witherspoon Fellow at the Family Research Council, intern in the chaplain's office, and tutor for the Academic Resource Center.

After completing what she describes as VCI's "crash course in everything Virginia, from demographics to the economic history of the state," Melissa circled back to Sweet Briar to head the chaplain's office during Chaplain Susan Lehman's sabbatical. Before the end of the academic year, she was invited back to VCI, this time to administer the 2000 Summer Program at the Institute's new, permanent home on the George Mason University campus.

While guiding a group of VCI students through appointments on Capitol Hill, Melissa dropped in on her congressman,

Don Sherwood of the 10th District of Pennsylvania. "I just stopped in to say hello," says Melissa. "A week later I had a job interview and a week after that I started work. This has been my pattern of employment since graduation. Opportunities are tossed at me when I least expect them and I say 'OK, I can do that.'"



Melissa Henning '99

Melissa had been working as a scheduler and legislative assistant to Congressman Sherwood for several months when Greg Werkheiser called once again, this time asking her to take over the administrative reins at VCI full-time, starting immediately. Though the offer came as a complete surprise,

Melissa had, in many respects, already started thinking it over. "Your number one job in a congressional office is to serve your constituents," explains Melissa. "People flood their representatives with calls and mail, urging them to vote for or against a proposal.

While those efforts are always appreciated, the numbers pro or con are only part of the picture. A congressman needs to know why he should vote one way or the other. He needs to know how a proposal is going to affect all of his constituents, the county, and the district. And then you're talking about one vote among 435 votes in the House. It's frustrating. I spent a lot of days working on the Hill, thinking: What am I doing? I need to get back out there and educate people about this process."

Melissa left Congressman Sherwood's office in the evening on Friday, April 13. She was seated at her desk in her VCI office at George Mason University the following Monday morning.

Alison Hall '97 Masters the Art of Public Administration

"The government department at Sweet Briar is fantastic," says Alison Hall '97. "They recognize what students need and constantly change to keep the College in the forefront. I can see how the course of study I put together has merged into the Center for Civic Renewal and all the opportunities that go along with it."

Alison majored in government and minored in art history. At the time, the College also offered a certificate in public administration, which she completed in addition to her other studies, co-curricular commitments, and campus jobs. To top things off, a January internship she arranged with the City of Lynchburg turned into a paid position in community development. Alison worked for the city through the fall semester of her senior year.

"It was a busy time," laughs Alison. "But each semester all of my professors – Perry, Key, and Bragaw – would sit down with me to discuss my schedule and future plans. It was great. I ended up getting a master's in public administration, which is the perfect background for my position as the cultural arts director for the City



of Auburn, Alabama."

Like so many government majors, Alison started out thinking that she would go to law school. She even took the LSAT. "However," she says, "I learned through my classes and internships at Sweet Briar that there's more to government than just law and politics. There's so much to do in the non-profit arena, in the arts, and in local municipalities. Maybe I'm not making as much money as I could have, but the joy I get from my job is worth a lot."

Alison's position pulls on all the skills she acquired through her SBC and graduate school experiences. Staffing, budgeting, working with arts groups and city council, special events planning, grants writing – it's a little bit of everything. "And that's the great thing about public administration," she says. "Every day is a different day."



The Class of 2001 foregathers Commencement Saturday

Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, addressed Sweet Briar's 92nd graduating class, families, friends, and an international Internet audience on Saturday, May 5th. Noting that progress has always come through the efforts of "those courageous individuals who take a stand," she urged graduates to "push progress forward" as they begin the 21st century.

President Muhlenfeld called the 133 seniors from 30 states and four foreign nations "the bridge to the College's new century," and "the shapers of tomorrow's traditions."

"You are at once the conscience of our past and the harbingers of our future," she concluded.



Patricia Ireland addresses graduates

Commencement Photos by Charles Grubbs

Commencement Honors

The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar

The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2001.

Amy Louise Tabb, Kearneysville, WV

The Presidential Medalists

The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.

Marian Ruth Spivey, Henderson, KY;
Ariana Kateryna Wolyneec-Werner,
Edinboro, PA

The Penelope Lane Czarra Award

This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.

Elizabeth Ann Haeberle, Ashland, KY;
Leah Andrea Solivan, Shirley, MA

The Connie M. Guion Award

This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.

Mary Jo Bell, Richmond, VA;
Olive Ann Eiley, San Pedro Town, Belize

The Walker Family Award

This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.

Sarah Kathleen Riggs, Holden, MA;
Brienne Vogler, Oklahoma City, OK

The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize

The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, while actively participating in the College community and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.

Meredith Kate Taylor, Yarmouth, ME

The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English

Lorna Thompson Brod, Mount Gretna, PA;
Frances Hunter McOwen, Dallas, PA

The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts

Yen Hoang Le Nguyen, New Orleans, LA

The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry

Brienne Vogler, Oklahoma City, OK

The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French

Marian Ruth Spivey, Henderson, KY

The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French

Elizabeth Mahala McGovern, Earlysville, VA;
Nicole Leigh Redwine, McDonough, GA

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award

Carla Rachel Fitzgerald, Amherst, VA

The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History

Natasha Dewees Nickodem, Atlantic Beach, FL

L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg

Kyle Charlene DuVall, Greensboro, NC

The Alpha Lambda Delta Award

Amy Louise Tabb, Kearneysville, WV

The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theatre

Mary Gwendolyn Wray, Sleepy Hollow, NY

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History

Alison Beth Brown, Norwalk, CT

The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Graduate Fellowship in History

Nicole Marie Gilkison, Park Forest, IL

The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish

Elizabeth Ann Haeberle, Ashland, KY



Associate Professor of Government Jeffrey Key received the 2001 "Excellence in Teaching" Award

The Maxine Garner Prize in Religion

Ariana Kateryna Wolyneec-Werner,
Edinboro, PA

The Helen K. Mull Graduate Fellowship in Psychology

Allison Clark, Puyallup, WA

The Lucile Barrow Turner Award

Emily Virginia Black, Salt Lake City, UT;
Amy Louise Tabb, Kearneysville, WV

The Martha von Briesen Prize in Photography

Sonya Helene DeConinck, Hubbardston, MA

The Wall Street Journal Student Achievement for Excellence in Economics

Kate Cecilia Haisch, Livermore, CA



Chaplain Susan Lehman was selected by the Class of 2001 as the recipient of the "Excellence in Service" Award

Phi Beta Kappa 2001

Ramona Achterberg, Haldensleben, Germany
 Emily Virginia Black, Salt Lake City, UT
 Lorna Thompson Brod, Mount Gretna, PA
 Marie-Elyse Renault Burdette, Greenwood, SC
 Rebekah Louise Burr, Portland, CT
 Diana Melissa Church, Louisville, KY
 Allison Clark, Puyallup, WA
 Roxanne Renee Fox, Brunswick, MD
 Elizabeth Ann Haerberle, Ashland, KY
 Anne Jennifer Lombardi, Richmond, VA
 Melanie Camille Naquin, Metairie, LA
 Yen Hoang Le Nguyen, New Orleans, LA
 Sarah Kathleen Riggs, Holden, MA
 Shweta Sharma, Lobatse, Botswana
 Leah Andrea Solivan, Shirley, MA
 Marian Ruth Spivey, Henderson, KY
 Amy Louise Tabb, Kearneysville, WV
 Tamara Brooke Trout, Louisa, KY
 Brieanne Vogler, Oklahoma City, OK
 Ariana Kateryna Wolyneec-Werner, Edinboro, PA

Summa Cum Laude

Ramona Achterberg, Haldensleben, Germany
 Diana Melissa Church, Louisville, KY
 Allison Clark, Puyallup, WA
 Patricia Louise Hamilton, Dallas, TX
 Melanie Camille Naquin, Metairie, LA
 Shweta Sharma, Lobatse, Botswana
 Marian Ruth Spivey, Henderson, KY

Amy Louise Tabb, Kearneysville, WV
 Brieanne Vogler, Oklahoma City, OK
 Ariana Kateryna Wolyneec-Werner, Edinboro, PA

Magna Cum Laude

Erin Angeline Alberda, Seattle, WA
 Marie-Elyse Renault Burdette, Greenwood, SC
 Rebekah Louise Burr, Portland, CT
 Sonya Helene DeConinck, Hubbardston, MA
 Carla Rachel Fitzgerald, Amherst, VA
 Roxanne Renee Fox, Brunswick, MD
 Elizabeth Ann Haerberle, Ashland, KY
 Sarah Saunders Herndon, Orange, VA
 Laura Leigh Knight, Spencer, WV
 Anne Jennifer Lombardi, Richmond, VA
 Barbara Dawn Martin, Lynchburg, VA
 Erin Crystal McKinley, Bend, OR
 Frances Hunter McOwen, Dallas, PA
 Yen Hoang Le Nguyen, New Orleans, LA
 Natasha Dewees Nickodem, Atlantic Beach, FL
 Elizabeth Catharine Parker, Slidell, LA
 Lynn Marie Peyatt, Pasadena, MD
 Elizabeth Boyd Puckett, Columbus, MS
 Nicole Leigh Redwine, McDonough, GA
 Emily Michelle Reeh, Edmond, OK
 Sarah Kathleen Riggs, Holden, MA
 Caitlin Morgan Russo, Wynnewood, PA
 Kimberley Sargent Schmidt, Yarmouth, ME
 Bonnie L. Seitz, Amherst, VA
 Leah Andrea Solivan, Shirley, MA
 Rachel Cristina Souder-Arguedas, Santa Fe, NM
 Megan Laine Thomas, Grove City, PA
 Tamara Brooke Trout, Louisa, KY

Cum Laude

Emily Virginia Black, Salt Lake City, UT
 Lorna Thompson Brod, Mount Gretna, PA
 Vanessa Rose Corry, Sierra Madre, CA
 Amy Lynn De Angelis, Ardsley, NY
 Elizabeth Ashley Finch, Virginia Beach, VA
 Sara Alice Foltz, Monroe, VA
 Laura Michelle Kaatz, Englewood, CO
 Justine Ann Mikolaitis, Cherry Hill, NJ
 Ashley Cotton Moring, Jamestown, NC
 Kelly Dawn Nixon, Madison Heights, VA
 Sarah Bean Patterson, Montpelier, VT
 Ameka DeSha Reeves, Lynchburg, VA
 Jennifer Timmons Stringfellow, Vienna, VA
 Meredith Kate Taylor, Yarmouth, ME
 Amy Rachel Whitney, Prince Frederick, MD

The Honors Program, Class of 2001

Honors Degree with Honors in Music

Emily Black, Salt Lake City, UT

Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Classical Studies

Marie-Elyse Burdette, Greenwood, SC

High Honors in Chemistry

Rebekah Burr, Portland, CT

High Honors in Psychology

Allison Clark, Puyallup, WA

Honors Degree with High Honors in Studio Art

Yen Nguyen, New Orleans, LA

Honors Degree with High Honors in Psychology

Meredith Taylor, Yarmouth, ME

Honors Degree with High Honors in Chemistry

Brieanne Vogler, Oklahoma City, OK



Turning Point graduates Allison Elizabeth Perry; Bonnie Seitz

Class of 2001 Alumnae Relatives and Turning Point Students



Lucy Brooks '00; sister Leah Brooks



Michelle Gabrielle Church '03; sister Diana
Melissa Church



Andrea Dickson Brown '93; sister Audrey
Dickson holding Grace Katherine Riddell
('23?); sister Amy Dickson Riddell '93; front:
Emily Riddell ('21?); Lauren Riddell ('19?)



Daughter Susan Seitz '02; Turning Point Bonnie
Seitz; sister-in-law Lola T. Bailey '95



Rhoda Jean Harris '82, aunt; Erin McKinley;
cousin Kris Harris '99



Victoria Brenda Rangel '04; sister Christine
Rigby Rangel; mother Helena Papis Rangel '74



Allison Clark; sister Emily Clark '99



Tamara Brooke Trout; sister Tia Tanya Trout
'02



Freida Carpenter Tucker '73; daughter Heather
Tucker Hammack



Anne Jennifer Lombardi; sister-in-law Kate
Hall Lombardi '97, holding Grace Kathryn
Lombardi ('23? See banner!)



Jennifer Schmidt Major '99 holding Anna
Elizabeth Major ('22?); sister Kimberly Sargent
Schmidt; sister Abby Schmidt '00

Sweet Briar Travel Program 2001-2002

"Art and Architecture of Havana," January 18-26, 2002

Fascinating trip to the small island nation of Cuba, just recently accessible to American visitors: the cooperation of Cuba's Ludwig Foundation for the Arts, provides an exceptional introduction to Cuba's art and architecture. Travel under a special license provided by the U. S. Department of the Treasury allows access to contemporary artists, galleries, architectural historians, and distinguished lecturers. Seven nights at the Golden Tulip Parque Central Hotel at the edge of Old Havana. Dr. Margaret Stanton, associate professor of Spanish and director of SBC's Latin American Studies Program, travels with us.

Tour of Havana's architecture, colonial and modern, with briefing by Professor Mario Coyula, director of the Grupo Para el Desarrollo Integral de la Capital. Visit to the planned community of Las Terrazas, a UNESCO-sanctioned biosphere reserve; view of artists' studios, markets, and the Partagas Cigar Factory before a show and dinner at the famous Tropicana Nightclub.

Two-day excursion to the historic colonial city of Trinidad de Cuba, a World Heritage site about 5 hours southeast of Havana, with 1 night at Hotel La Unión in Cienfuegos, "the Pearl of the South." (Hotel rooms will be maintained in Havana for those wishing more time there.)

SBC Alumnae College Abroad: "Rebirth in Renaissance Italy—Florence, Assisi, and Rome," May 15-26, 2002

Dr. Jonathan Green, associate professor of music and chair of the department, hosts this Italian adventure (a continuation of the June 2001 Alumnae College), which begins in Florence with a guided walk through religious and civic sites: The Cathedral, Piazza della Signoria, and Loggia dei Lanzi; evening lecture, dinner at our four-star Hotel Minerva.

Next day: walking tour to the Monastery of San Marco, San

Lorenzo, the Medici Chapels, and Medici Riccardi Palace. Lunch at the Palazzo Corsini, a 17th-century palazzo with lush gardens. Afternoon visit to the Brancacci Chapel at the Church of Carmine to study the Massaccio frescoes. A drive through olive groves and vineyards of the *Chianti Classico* area to Siena, to see the Piazza del Campo, the Duomo, and the Palazzo Pubblico: its frescoes date from the 15th century.

Next morning, tour Arezzo, then on to Assisi to the Hotel Subasio, near the Basilica. Birthplace of St. Francis, Italy's patron saint, Assisi is rebuilding homes, churches, and monuments damaged in the September 1997 earthquake. Short orientation tour before dinner at the hotel. Next day, journey through beautiful Umbrian landscape to the medieval city of Todi: Gothic palaces surround a plaza on the site of a Roman forum. See small museum in the Palazzo del Capitano; enjoy a pre-dinner lecture.

On to Rome after a stop in Orvieto, city of great antiquity; an impressive Duomo dominates its center. Ample time to view magnificent frescos by Fra Angelico in the Cappella Nuova, to stroll enchanting streets and byways, or take a hardy walk to St. Patrick's Well (Pozzo di San Patrizio), an amazing feat of engineering. Arrive Rome for 4 nights; early evening lecture. Tours include Colosseum area, an afternoon at the Pantheon, and presentation on the Vatican by Dr. Walter Persegati, Retired Secretary General and Treasurer of the Vatican Monuments, Museums, and Art Galleries. Last day: morning at Villa Borghese and gardens, farewell dinner at the American Academy.

"Alumni College in Ireland: Kinsale," July 14-22, 2002

Educational week based in Kinsale on the south coast of Ireland. Seven nights at first-class Actons Hotel on beautiful harbor. Daily seminars, excursions. Highlights: walking tour of

Kinsale including Desmond Castle; excursions to medieval city of Cork, Charles Fort and the "Old Head of Kinsale"; full-day excursion to the Ring of Kerry; panoramic tour of West Cork's scenic coastline; boat cruise to Garinish Island off the coast of Glengarriff; special dinner at the White House, one of Kinsale's best restaurants. An excellent value: transatlantic air, 3 meals/day, all seminars, excursions, accommodations included at reasonable cost.

SBC Alumnae College Abroad: "Quito and Galapagos Islands Cruise—A Family Adventure," August 9-19, 2002

Dr. David Orvos, associate professor of environmental science and chair of the Department of Environmental Studies, leads an adventure appealing to all ages in the enchanted Galapagos Islands, an archipelago 600 miles off Ecuador's coast. Journey through a "living laboratory," following Charles Darwin's footsteps, observing species of marine, animal, and bird life found nowhere else on earth.

Ecuadorian naturalist guides give daily briefings and accompany small groups ashore exploring landscapes ranging from tropical forests, to crater lakes, to lava formations. Nature lovers, birders, and adventurous spirits enjoy the islands which provided Darwin with numerous observations for his theory of evolution. Antics of sea lions, fur seals, and other wildlife totally without fear of humans delight photographers; swimming alongside these animals is the experience of a lifetime.

Seven-night cruise on the 90-passenger *M. V. Santa Cruz*, fully air-conditioned, with comfortable cabins, spacious public rooms. Dining is excellent, a mix of continental cuisine and Ecuadorian specialties. Zodiac landing craft offer easy travel among the islands.

The Galapagos Islands alone are worth the trip to the equator, but we spend 3 nights in Quito, Ecuador's historic capital, before setting sail. Touring the carefully-

preserved Old City, with many 18th-century Baroque buildings, and visiting the colorful Otavalo Indian Market are highlights.

Optional 6-night extension in Peru: Lima, Cuzco and a train ride through mountains to Machu Picchu's awe-inspiring ruins.

"Alumni College Down Under in Australia & New Zealand," November 6-21, 2002

Exciting, educational 2-country trip: an excellent way for those with limited time to visit Australia and New Zealand. Enjoy 1 hotel stay in each country, 5 nights at Cairns' Palm Royale Hotel, 5 nights at Tauranga's Hotel Armitage, New Zealand. Air from west coast, 3 meals/day, all seminars, excursions, accommodations included in reasonable price.

Australia's topographical fascinations include world's largest living organism, the colorful Great Barrier Reef teeming with marine life, the bio-diverse Rainforestation Park, the rugged outback, and beautiful beach eco-systems. Discover 40,000-year-old Aboriginal culture, still vibrant and alive today in this land of koalas and kangaroos.

New Zealand offers a varied concentration of scenic, geographical and cultural wonders: thundering geysers, sweeping seascapes, Victorian towns, sunny vineyards, primeval rainforests. Explore rich cultural traditions of the Maoris, as well as the welcoming New Zealand of today. Visit kiwi farms, Maori Meeting Houses, Thermal Valley. The tour is enhanced by stimulating lectures and excursions providing a comprehensive view of these countries in a trip of manageable length. Optional 3-night pre-trip extension in Sydney.

All dates, itineraries subject to change. For further information, contact Noreen Parker, Alumnae Office: (434) 381-6317, fax: (434) 381-6132, e-mail: nparker@sbc.edu.

Alumnae Return for Summer Alumnae College: "Everything Old is New Again: Rebirth in Renaissance Italy" June 10-15, 2001

Photo by Charles Grubbs



Back-to-schoolers and their profs, l-r: Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80; Ann MacDonald Carter '97; Allen Huszti; Jone Fitzgerald Treherne-Thomas '57; Nannette McBurney Cawdus '57; John Oberteuffer (husband of Katharine Mockett); Katharine Mockett '66; George Lenz; Jonathan Green; Suzanne Bassewitz Mentzinger '52; Linda DeVogt '86

Alumnae went back to school this summer to explore in depth the exciting adventure that was, and is, Renaissance Italy. For a week, they enjoyed a series of lectures, labs, and sessions that explored the life, culture, art, music, architecture, and scientific theory that exemplified one of the most influential eras in history.

Music Professor Jonathan Green chaired the program and served as tour guide. "Those who achieved greatness in the Renaissance inspire us in our own lives today to emulate their passion for lifelong learning."

Featured sessions and faculty included:

- "All Roads Lead to Rome" — Jonathan Green, associate professor of music
- "Dome Sweet Dome" — Jonathan Green
- Tour of the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts
- "Italian Painting 101" — Christopher Witcombe, professor of art history

- "It All Depends on Your Point of View" — Christopher Witcombe
- "Two and Three-Point Perspective Drawing" — Laura Pharis, associate professor of studio art
- "Broken Choirs" — Allen Huszti, professor of music
- "Birth of the Cool: Early Opera" — Allen Huszti
- "Riomaggiore and Manarola, Cinque Terre, Italy: The Creation of Accurate Plans of the Villages from 1340-1886" — Katharine Mockett '66, Alumnae College participant
- Singing Class: Italian Madrigals and Motets — Jonathan Green
- "Galileo and Heaven" — George Lenz, former dean; professor of physics
- "Leonardo and Michaelangelo" — Jonathan Green
- Italian Cooking Class — Dennis Paranzino, Sweet Briar's executive chef



Katharine Mockett addresses group as Nannette Cawdus looks on



Celebrants at the closing dinner, Sweet Briar House, l-r: Lynn Buck (wife of Jonathan Green); Jonathan Green; Nannette Cawdus

It wasn't all work and no play! Beginning with the festive welcoming dinner on the decorated terrace of the Conference Center, after-school entertainments included a tour, and cocktails and dinner at the VCCA with the artists in residence; dinner at Isabella's Italian Trattoria, Lynchburg; and a closing reception and dinner at Sweet Briar House.

Study sessions took place at the Conference Center, where breakfast and lunch also were served. Accommodations were at the newly-enlarged Elston Inn adjoining the Conference Center.

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Centennial Year Reunion Scrapbook

"The Time Of Their Lives"

Ed. note: This e-mail was received from Mary Beth Hamlin, Class of '76. We thought it said it all!

There are so many thoughts swimming in my head after this weekend. Most important is a great big THANKS for [making] our 25th such an incredible experience for me and for my classmates...People are telling me that they had THE TIME OF THEIR LIVES and I concur.

The schedule gave each of us the perfect opportunity to see the school, revel in memories, talk endlessly, sing, dance, ride, pray, dine, act (can't wait to see the tape of our skit)...Everything but sleep. Yes, it's true, I "pulled an all nighter" staying up Friday to talk...

It was so incredible that several of us are talking about coming back next year, too...classmates are saying it is too tempting a proposition to turn down. Going back for a few days to such an amazing, invigorating, rejuvenating (and fun, fun, fun) environment...Each time I am back, I feel again that special Sweet Briar aura...What an amazing, multifaceted group our school chums are.

You have given us a great gift this past weekend, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Natalie Roberts Ross '31 and husband William were on hand to celebrate Natalie's 70th Reunion.



Gordon Beemer H'21, wearing his Centennial button, regaled the Saturday Convocation audience with 58 stories, representing his late wife, Florence Woelfel Elston-Beemer '21 and her classmates on their 80th.



Class of 1941: five of the 10 back for the 60th arrived in time for the Friday dinner in honor of the 50th Class.



The Class of 1946 (55th), 11-strong, gathered Friday night at the Conference Center.



The first annual Reunion Tennis Tournament, with participants spanning classes from '01 to '51!



The Fantastic Fiftieth walked away with the Nancy Dowd Burton Award for the largest Reunion gift (\$90,906) and the Participation Award (72%) for classes celebrating 25th-50th; 39 alumnae, 13 husbands had a wonderful time!



1956 gathered in style for the 45th, bringing a Reunion gift of \$30,920 with 37% participation.



1966 also had an extra-special celebration: their classmate, The Reverend Keenan Colton Kelsey, led the Chapel Service of Remembrance for their 35th. With 28% participation, they presented a gift of \$41,167.



1961 had 20 back for the 40th, to celebrate Reunion and to honor classmate Sara Finnegan Lycett, recipient of the Outstanding Alumna Award at Convocation. Their gift: \$55,054, 49% participation.



Saturday afternoon Alumnae College, "The Inscrutable East: Divining Trends in Asian Affairs," by Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs Jeff Key.



'76ers enjoying Saturday night



Michela English '71, Joe Malloy, Sweet Briar Library
fly-fishing lesson



Group of '71
Reuners at the lake
front, l-r Wendy
Weiler, Jacqueline
Penny, Back
Marjorie
Montgomery Hebard
Barbara Smith
Young, Susan Sellers
Ewing, Nan Glaser
LaGow



1971 mustered a group of 31 to mark the 30th! Class gift \$62,931, 36% participation



1976 made the most of their 25th, with 51 here to celebrate—and brought down the house with their Convocation skit. Their Reunion gift to the Alumnae Fund was \$52,873, 49% participation. And they won the new "Centennial Award" for largest gift amount to all funds, from 5th to 50th classes \$121,875!



1981, with 40 here for the 20th, won the Participation Award for 5th-20th classes: 36.9458 participation, gift of \$30,203.



1986 almost won the 5th-20th Reunion classes participation rate with 36.5207 participation. Call that close! Class gift: \$26,555; 35 came back to The Patch.



A large crowd gathered early for Ernest Edwards' (wearing hat and binoculars) bird-watcher walk.



Glowsticks are fun!



Boxwood Alumnae House Centennial Plaque, unveiled in Sunday ceremony



The Class of '91 returned in force—45 alumnae—for their 10th, with a gift of \$1,900, 18% participation.



Spring 2001: completion of the reconstructed reflecting pool—now with fountain—in front of the library. Reunion participant enjoys.



1996 had 30 on tap for their first "official" Reunion. Their gift: \$4,893, 26% participation.



Centennial Reunion Cake, created by Willie Payne, former SBC Food Services Staff. (And it was good, too!)

"The Attitude of Gratitude"

Centennial Year Reunion Service of Remembrance

Sunday, May 13, 2001

The Reverend Keenan Colton Kelsey '66

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine they lay down for the night and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend.

"Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see."

"I see millions and millions of stars," Watson replied.

"What does that tell you?" asked Holmes.

Watson pondered for a minute, astute student that he was.

"Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo.

Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?"

"Elementary, my dear Watson," replied Holmes. "Someone has stolen our tent."

Someone has stolen our tent...

Isn't that a wonderful way to think about our faith? About our relationship with God?

More and more as I move through my life, I feel that I have spent much time, like Watson, trying hard to be smart and clever—and sometimes I have missed the most elementary point—the most basic understandings.

Lately, those new understandings, those basic principles, have focused on gratitude. Like most of you here, I have struggled with life's hills and valleys. I have felt life's storms and challenges, and I have made mistakes I wish I could undo. But right now, this moment, after a lot of struggle, I am at a very good place in my life, and I feel blessed.

I have two children who are healthy and finally doing well—two children who

exercised every one of their rebellion rights and did so relentlessly! But they came through unscathed and I think I did too.

My son is in the army and my daughter is married with a baby boy - all of nine months - who is, of course, the finest, most adorable boy in the world! And, after careers in writing and in retail, I have another very unexpected career. Just four years ago I was ordained and two years ago I was called as solo pastor to a unique and wonderful church in San Francisco with a congregation of characters. I frequently look over my shoulder,

healer. I want to keep the feeling of the tenth leper who was so grateful that when he turned back to Jesus, he didn't just stick out his hand to Jesus, he fell on his face! His gratitude overwhelmed him.

I want to hold on to this feeling so that I can draw on it when I'm not feeling so good, when the challenges seem daunting and life seems overwhelming. I want to incorporate it so soundly, wrap it around me so securely that it will be my life vest, my buoy, when I'm feeling at sea in a storm. And certainly there will be more storms. Those days will be here again.

I chose this text because, for me, it does not just speak of gratitude - it shouts of salvation.

Remember the words of the hymn we sang at the beginning of service? "Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices..." This wonderful old hymn was written by Martin Rinckart, a pastor who lived in the early 1600s.

He lived with war and famine and pestilence. He buried so many victims of plague that he should have succumbed himself, if not to the disease, to the accompanying depression and morbidity.

He didn't live in a leper colony, but his determined dedication isolated him every bit as much as those 10 lepers were isolated.

Martin Rinckart knew oppression. Yet, in the midst of it, Martin Rinckart wrote a hymn, a hymn of praise and joy! In the midst of struggle, a thankful heart offered strength, illuminated hope, and renewed faith. His faith made him whole.

I want to learn to live like Martin Rinckart — with an attitude of gratitude, trusting wholly in God's love.

There is much to learn from what is, after all, a very short story. In the passage, Jesus is hailed by 10 lepers. Keeping themselves at a respectful distance, they cry out, in almost prayerful litany, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." It comes across as a chant, a ritualistic plea. It's hard to know what their expectations might have been. Perhaps for some food, or a blessing. But for complete healing? They had a hope born of desperation, but



Keenan Kelsey

Photo © David Abrams

checking if it is all really true.

At the oddest times I have to stop and catch my breath, for my chest constricts with awe. I've felt my tears welling from the throat and chest and collecting just behind their spill. I am being led by Spirit, and I am trusting in God's care.

Have any of you felt simply stunned, paralyzed, awed, by the amazing providence of God, by the amazing love of God?

I don't want to be like the nine lepers, thrilled to be healing, but heedless of the

I doubt they had such an arrogant expectation.

I wonder what they felt when Jesus said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." Jesus didn't promise them healing in so many words. He asked of them an act of faith. Without any blast of trumpets or laying of hands, without any ceremony or promises or prostration, they were to go to the priests and present themselves.

Confused, surprised, stunned, suspicious, they must have looked at themselves, still disease ridden. Would a miracle really happen? What would the priests say? Was this simply another ridicule, another joke at their expense? Without understanding, and without fully daring to believe, they nonetheless turned, as a group, and started up the road.

The story tells us they were cleansed "as they went." The healing wasn't completed with a swipe of a magic wand. It was a process. It was in the *action* of the response, that gradually, in small spurts, sensation began to return. One by one, they started feeling the rub, and scratch, and tickle of wounds closing and new flesh swelling.

It's fun to imagine the awe and elation of those lepers as this reality sinks in! Life is restored! To touch, to run, to laugh, to join other people, I like to think of them bounding up the hill, presenting themselves in awe to the priests, going forth with glee, ready to embrace life anew. All were healed. All were made whole. Or were they?

Luke tells us that one leper stopped in the very midst of rushing forward. Only one leper, and a Samaritan, a foreigner to boot, turned backward to praise God and to thank Jesus. Even Jesus seems astonished at this. "Were not all 10 cleansed?" he asks. "Where are they?" Then Jesus says something startling. "Rise and go. Your faith has made you well."

Made you well. "Made you whole," say some translations. "Saved you," says another. Ten were cleansed. But only one was made whole. The Greek word used here, *sezo*, can refer to either physical or spiritual deliverance, and Luke certainly seems to mean the latter.

The Samaritan knew how to receive the healing love of God offered through Christ. The Samaritan was the lone one who stopped to give glory to God and thanks to Jesus. He didn't just stick out his hand to Jesus, he fell on his face! His

gratitude overwhelmed him.

The Samaritan gained a wholeness, a wellness, beyond the physical. It's hard for me to imagine that the other lepers weren't grateful as well. But unspoken, unacknowledged gratitude does not do it, does not deliver wholeness, does not offer salvation. Spoken gratitude, felt gratitude, lived gratitude, incorporates the love.

This gratefulness that is beyond a child's polite "Thank You," or a rousing "Praise God" is a deep acknowledgment that is first of all humbling in the way that confession is humbling. In the way that I have often felt humbled, awed, even unworthy in my life. Who are we to receive a gift beyond logic? This sort of therapy of thankfulness helps us connect to the presence and goodness of God.

A few weeks ago I was in line at the drug store, and I was standing behind a biker, you know, a big burly guy with a T-shirt and cigarettes rolled up in the sleeve, long pulled-back hair and bulging muscles. Rolling over one of those arm muscles was a tattoo, which isn't too exceptional, except that this one said "Attitude of Gratitude." Because I was staring, I remarked to him on it and he grinned. "Yep," he said proudly, "I had this done in thanksgiving for 10 years of sobriety!" I was impressed. I've heard many Twelve-Steppers proclaim, "I am a grateful alcoholic, I am a grateful addict." It took me a long time to understand this, but I'm beginning to. Gratitude grows out of acknowledging the truths of your life, out of persevering, out of asserting your strengths. Twelve-Steppers believe nothing short of terrible addiction could have made them see, acknowledge, appreciate the real gifts and opportunities right before them. Sort of like, "Thanks, God. Thanks for knocking me upside the head and then for being there to put the pieces back together. Thanks for your love and support."

Most of us have suffered. All of us have struggled. And at the end, we are like the clay vase that one family pulled out of the rubble of their Oakland home after the devastating fires some years ago. The pot survived because it had been through the fire once before. We are not offered a painless existence, but we are offered opportunities for gathering perspective from painful moments. And our perspectives are cushioned by the flow of gratitude. The rough edges of life, the

storms that whip our very being, are gifts in disguise. We see life anew when the storm has vanished.

A 16th-century Carmelite monk said the same thing in a different way: The point is not to strive for joy, and then be grateful for it. The point is to be grateful for life, and then joy will come. An attitude of gratitude creates humility, hope, faith, and joy, all at once.

Jesus calls us to recognize that gladness and sadness are never separate, that joy and sorrow really belong together, and that mourning and dancing are part of the same movement. That's why Jesus calls us to be grateful for every moment that we have lived and to calm our unique journey as God's way to mold our hearts to greater conformity with God's own.

We each have much to be grateful for. Our experiences here at Sweet Briar are certainly high on our thankful lists. This opportunity to return, to remember, and to reconnect is one to be appreciated and valued. In a few minutes we will read the necrology of Sweet Briar alums, and we will listen solemnly, but gratefully. We will be thankful for their lives, and celebrate their spirits. We will acknowledge this amazing cloud of witness, this society of saints, of which we are a part.

Today's message is about attitudes of gratitude, and carrying them into the days and weeks and years ahead. And in doing so, life won't always be easy. Consider the hero of our Gospel story. The tenth leper may have been healed, but he was, after all, still a Samaritan, a foreigner, traditionally distrusted and excluded. If he hadn't been ill, no way would the other lepers have had dealings with him. The common tragedy, the mutual misery, drew them together. Without it, his friends undoubtedly would have deserted him. The Samaritan must turn back and face his life. But the Scriptures convey that somehow it will be different, will have a new quality.

Seeking and receiving the gift of life, like the nine lepers, is only half of salvation. Acknowledging it and living in gratitude for it is the second half, for it is gratitude that helps us see the stars without the tent.

God has blessed you all. May God continue to bless you. May you live in strength, courage, faith, and gratitude.

2000 Outstanding Alumna Award To Sara Finnegan Lycett '61

*Introduction of Honoree at Reunion
Convocation, May 12, 2000*

*by Kathy Garcia Pegues '71, president of
the Alumnae Association*

It is my great privilege, as president of the Alumnae Association, to present the Outstanding Alumna Award, one of Sweet Briar College's most prestigious honors. This annual award recognizes an alumna who has given outstanding volunteer service to Sweet

Briar. The winner of the 2000 award is Sara Finnegan Lycett of the Class of 1961. Sara has made history at Sweet Briar by being the first alumna and the first woman to chair the College's Board of Directors. She held this top position for the last five years of her 13-year service as a Board member, from 1987 to 2000. During those years Sara was deeply involved at the highest level in all the key decisions which led to Sweet

Briar's current position of strength in the sciences, a strength that has enhanced our reputation as one of the leading women's colleges in the country.

I'm delighted that Sara is here to receive her award in person and that so many of her classmates are here to share in the pride that the entire Sweet Briar community takes in honoring Sara.

Since her earliest days at the College, Sara has contributed in countless ways to the well-being of this institution. As a student, Sara was active in numerous campus organizations. I'll mention just a few which hint at her lifelong interests and involvement: she was a member of the Student Government Association; was

listed in *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*, was president of the Bum Chums, Senior House President, literary editor of the *Briar Patch*, and a member of the editorial board of the *Sweet Briar News*. After completing her Sweet Briar degree in English, she earned a Master of Liberal Arts degree in history from Johns Hopkins University in 1965, and in 1977, she completed The Executive Program at the University of Virginia's

respective fields." Sara is the author of numerous publications and has presented papers both in the United States and abroad.

Also reflecting glory on her alma mater is Sara's involvement in civic affairs, from the international to the local levels. She has served as director and secretary of the Passano Foundation, an international society which awards research grants to outstanding medical

researchers. Her interests include being very active as a docent at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore. She has been a trustee of St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Maryland, and a director of Baltimore's Women's Industrial Exchange.

Sara and her husband Ike have raised four children and are now enjoying their grandchildren.

Sara's hobbies include gardening

and travel to the exotic ends of the earth.

But all of Sara's achievements do not fully describe the wonderful personal qualities of wit and warmth that have characterized her leadership at Sweet Briar. We are blessed that her remarkable ability is coupled with her deep sense of caring and responsibility to her alma mater. I am honored indeed to confer upon her the 2000 Outstanding Alumna Award.

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Kathy Pegues presents Sara with a copy of her Resolution and a Sweet Briar Rose pendant.

Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business Administration.

Sara is the ideal liberal arts graduate; her life and career span "the two cultures" of the arts and sciences. Sweet Briar takes great pride in her long and very successful career with the Baltimore medical publishing company, Williams and Wilkins, from 1965 until her retirement in 1994 as president of the Professional and Reference Group. When she was promoted to president in 1988, the company stated: "...she has been actively involved in lecturing at various publishing and medical societies, and has been responsible for the publication of many medical books which have become classics in their

Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 21, 2001, acknowledges with gratitude the historic contributions that Sara Finnegan Lycett, Class of 1961, has made to Sweet Briar College. She was a member of the College's Board of Directors from 1987 to 2000, serving for the last five years of this term as the first woman Chairman of the Board. In this top position, she led Sweet Briar through a period of remarkable development, especially in the sciences. The 2000 Outstanding Alumna Award which was conferred upon Sara recognizes that her impact upon the College is immeasurable.

Upon completing her service on the College Board, Sara joined the Sweet Briar Centennial Commission. Before becoming a director of the College, she served two years on the Board of the Alumnae Association as Chair of Region II. During The Campaign for Sweet Briar College, she was a member of the Science Initiative Committee. A strategic thinker and planner, Sara is also most generous in her support of the College's material needs. As a Williams Associate, she has named Sweet Briar in her will. She has been a tireless worker and supporter in most of Sweet Briar's major fund-raising efforts, in particular the 1990s Science Initiative but also in class reunions and the Planned Giving program. The Board is also very proud of Sara's professional achievements in the field of medical publishing and of her many civic commitments in the arts, sciences and education.

The Board of the Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Sara for having the courage, as well as the ability, to assume the highest volunteer role and lead our beloved alma mater forward in the ranks of the leading colleges in the nation. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

— Kathleen "Kathy" Garcia Pegues '71
President, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

— Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80
Director, Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association

Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates, Class of 1910:
Anne Cumnock Miller*; Eugenia Griffin Burnett*;
Louise Hooper Ewell*; Frances Murrell Rickards*;
Annie Powell Hodges*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19* and
Helen H. McMahon '23
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett Davis '35
- 1977 Martha von Briesen '31 and
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwell '35*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46* and
Jane Roseberry Ewald Tolleson '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34*
- 1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and
Sarah Adams Bush '43*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43 and
Catharine Fitzgerald Booker '47
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60 and
Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63
- 2000 Sara Finnegan Lycett '61

*deceased

Au Revoir to Five Retirees, May 2001

Dr. Aileen Laing '57

Professor Aileen "Ninie" Laing retired in May after teaching art history at SBC since 1971. She will live full-time at her family home, "Bunree," in Amissville, Va.

Ninie attended Sweet Briar for two years as a chemistry major, but completed her degree from George Washington University, where she also received an A.B. with Honors in art history in 1966. She earned a Ph.D. in art history from Johns Hopkins University in 1971, and also studied at the Centre for the Fine and Decorative Arts in London and the Attingham Summer School on Country Houses.

Promoted to full professor in 1983, she was honored by the Student Government Association with the 1990 Excellence in Teaching Award. One of her special fields is Sweet Briar's Ralph Adams Cram architecture; she is curator and co-host (with Director of Galleries Rebecca Massie Lane) of the Centennial exhibit "Ralph Adams Cram at Sweet Briar: Dreams and Reality," opening for the September 2001 Alumnae Council. Ninie designed and wrote the script for a walking tour of the College's Historic District.

She is also known for her expertise in English Gothic manuscript illumination, especially Anglo-Norman Apocalypses, for which she received a National Endowment for the Humanities research grant. An honorary member of Alpha Lambda Delta, she has won numerous other honors and awards, including SBC Faculty Research Grants, the G. Noble Gilpin Faculty Enrichment Grant, the

Catherine Best, SBC



L to R: Dr. Aileen Laing '57, Professor Paul Cronin, The Reverend Susan Lehman, Dr. George H. Lenz, Dr. John McClenon

Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, and a Kress Traveling Fellowship.

Ninie helped develop Sweet Briar's Strategic Plan and was a member of the Campaign Leadership Committee in the 1990s Campaign for Sweet Briar College. She has been the College's keynote speaker on many occasions, addressed alumnae clubs across the U.S., and been a most popular lecturer on Alumnae Association tours abroad, most recently in China in May-June, 2001. The Alumnae Association Board honored her in April with a resolution expressing "deepest appreciation for enhancing Sweet Briar's reputation in the academic world while contributing in innumerable ways to the Sweet Briar community."

Dr. John McClenon

Professor of Chemistry John R. McClenon began his career at SBC in 1965. He earned a B.A. degree from Grinnell College in 1959 and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1964, then taught chemistry for two years at Milton

College in Wisconsin.

A professor much loved by legions of chemistry and premed students, John's signature course was organic chemistry. Always a force in the SBC community, he was active in faculty governance and served on the Faculty Senate and many other academic committees. From the time of his arrival, when he supported the College's struggle to win an integrated admissions policy, he was known for his willingness to step forward when there was a need for a faculty member to take a stand on controversial matters. John served on the College's Strategic Planning Steering Committee and he and his wife Molly are generous supporters of Sweet Briar's Science Initiative.

John also has a remarkable record of community service outside SBC. He and Molly are longtime members of Lynchburg's First Unitarian Church, the vanguard of social causes, and are active in the Friends of Lynchburg Stream Valleys. As well as lending moral support to civic causes,

John gets out to do "dirty work," such as pitching in with a group of high-school students from the New Covenant School to clear rubbish from Lynchburg's downtown riverfront.

John is a well-known musician, leading his 15-piece Johnny McClenon Band which has played at many SBC Reunions and Washington & Lee events. He also plays the clarinet and saxophone in the Roanoke and Lynchburg symphony orchestras. In retirement, he plans to devote more time to his music.

A very popular personality in the area, John was the subject of a recent article in Lynchburg's *News & Advance* by columnist Darrell Laurant. "I believe that if you teach organic chemistry correctly, it really is easy," John told Laurant. Though this remark occasioned some incredulity among non-chemists, it reveals much about John's teaching career: making an extremely complex subject seem easy is a mark of a great artist – or teacher.

Professor Paul Cronin

Paul Cronin, SBC faculty since 1967, retired as professor of physical education and athletics, and director of the Riding Program. He earned his B.A. degree from Stonehill College and a master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh.

When Paul first arrived, the Riding Program consisted of about 20 students and recreational riding in modest facilities. Today some 200 students participate in a comprehensive curriculum of 39 basic to advanced-level courses. All types of riders enroll, from seasoned competitors to absolute beginners. Paul was instrumental in the design and construction of the College's Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center, recognized as one of the premier college facilities in the nation. The combination of facilities and academic courses he developed makes Sweet Briar's Riding Program unique.

An Affiliated National Riding Commission (ANRC) nationally-recognized judge, he holds a No.1 rider rating and has been an American Horse Shows Association nationally-recognized judge for more than 20 years. He has ridden and trained top hunters at the national level, and coached six SBC intercollegiate teams to the title of ANRC National Champions. Many of his students have pursued successful equestrian careers, notably two-time Olympic rider Lendon Gray '71. Seeing a need to provide educational opportunities for horse people outside the College, Paul instituted a program of annual seminars and clinics open to the public, featuring world class instructors and speakers. (The late Jacqueline Onassis attended one of these in 1986.) In 1997, Paul was honored by the

Virginia Horse Council as Educator of the Year.

In May 1998, at a special Riding Reunion, Sweet Briar celebrated Paul's 30 years at the College, conferring upon him two honors: establishment of the Paul D. Cronin Chair in Riding, and dedication of the newly-landscaped stable yard in front of the Riding Center, named for him. On that occasion, President Muhlenfeld said, "One of the reasons that students are interested in the Riding Program is the reputation that Paul has acquired over the last 30 years."

Paul and his wife Ann have moved to Rectortown, VA, where they welcome Sweet Briar visitors and continue to enjoy their beloved horses.

Dr. George H. Lenz

George Lenz retired from the SBC deanship, but after a sabbatical year will return to teaching physics in 2002.

Before being appointed "interim dean" in 1990, he had gained broad experience with SBC's faculty governance system through his service on the Personnel Committee, the Instruction Committee, and the Working Committee of the Faculty Advisory Board. Under his leadership as dean, Sweet Briar dramatically enhanced the quality of the science programs and developed a vigorous and innovative Honors Program. Strategic planning for the College resulted in the strengthening of traditional offerings, and the development of new initiatives – most recently the programs in Environmental Sciences, the Center for Civic Renewal and the Summer Research Program. The quality and talent of faculty members hired under Dean Lenz's administration insure that the excellence which has always been a hallmark of the Sweet Briar faculty will continue.

George earned the A.B., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Rutgers University, then spent four years as assistant professor of physics at UVA. He came to Sweet Briar in 1971 as associate professor of physics and was promoted to full professor and named the Whitney Guion Professor of Physics in 1974. He has published in the fields of experimental nuclear physics and energy loss mechanisms for nuclear particles and pioneered in the use of videotaped problem sessions in teaching physics. In addition to teaching across the spectrum of physics courses targeted towards physics majors, his pedagogic interests have been directed toward developing courses in science for the liberal arts student, including courses dealing with energy resources, meteorology, environmental issues and science and society.

As dean, George provided strong, enlightened leadership during a time of enormous transition. He looks forward to working with faculty colleagues in 2002 to develop hands-on, interactive science courses designed for pre-service teachers.

The Reverend Susan Lehman

Susan Lehman's retirement marked 16 years of service as Sweet Briar's chaplain.

One of the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1977, Susan earned a B.A. degree in history from Miami University in Ohio, an M.A. in history from Xavier University, and an M.A. from the University of Chicago's Divinity School, then completed additional studies at the University of Chicago, taught history and government in a public high school, and served as parish priest in a combined Episcopal/United Church of Christ congregation.

Beloved by students for her guidance in matters both spiritual and practical, she was an inspirational speaker for countless College events. In announcing Susan's decision to retire, President Muhlenfeld noted: "Susan is an enthusiastic supporter of the mission of the College. Although very much a doer (her goal has always been to have 100 people each week in her house), Chaplain Lehman has modeled for our students a love of the life of the mind. An inveterate reader, she encouraged students to read beyond their assignments and to discuss their reading. As many of our faculty and generations of students know, her famous dinner discussions have been among the principal venues of challenging intellectual life outside the classroom, and her quiet attention to the spiritual life of every member of the Sweet Briar community who sought her counsel has garnered her friendship and respect among staff members, faculty, students, and parents."

"Susan has a remarkable understanding of what students need in the most immediate sense," commented Dr. Alix Ingber, professor of Spanish and associate dean of academic affairs. "She cooks for people, drives them to the doctor, brings them together over books and current events. She has made a major contribution to intellectual life on campus and inspired students to become involved in community service. She is a resource that cannot be replaced."

Susan will continue to work in a consulting capacity with Dean Walker and the co-curricular staff while living year-round in her Warm Springs home with husband John Dalzell, who retired in 1999 from his post as manager of the Florence Elston Inn.

letters and e-mails

The association of alumnae at its finest

I was saddened to read of Catharine Booker's [47] death. I did not know Catharine well, nor had I thought of her in a long time, but I suddenly vividly remembered a vignette that I thought might be of interest to other alums. I served on the Alumnae Board when Catharine was chairman...only one term...She telephoned me at home one night...I am not clear now as to the reason, but I am sure that it was to remind me of a meeting, or to ask me to do some minor thing.

I told her that I was going to be unable...to do whatever it was that she wanted me to do. Our son had (and still has) a chronic illness. I generally did not talk with people much about it then, but for some reason...I told Catharine about it.

Although I am sure that she was very busy calling a list and that I was just one of many on the list, Catharine completely dropped the subject of Sweet Briar and the reason for her call, and began to talk with me about Paul III and his troubles with epilepsy. She asked many questions, both about him and about how I was coping. She talked a long time; she gave of herself. I felt reassured.

I later wrote her a letter to thank her for her caring concern, and as I wrote, it occurred to me...that she had shown me what the association of alumnae was, at its finest. Though we were in an Association, she had demonstrated to me what real alumnae association was.

Perhaps all of us alums need to remember how truly valuable the association of alums with each other can be. I know I will never forget it. Thank you again, Catharine.

—Dilly Johnson Jones '54

Two best things about Centennial Weekend

I am still overwhelmed... There were two things I liked best about Centennial weekend. First, the Awards presentation. To me, this program represented what is best about Sweet Briar. I

am pleased that the recipients were honored not only for their financial contributions, but also for their gifts of time and talents. It takes the efforts of the entire community to make the Sweet Briar experience last a lifetime, and the award recipients represented every facet of Sweet Briar life. The committee did a wonderful job in selecting these people. The citations were well done, and President Muhlenfeld's delivery of the words made the recipients come to life. Truly an historic event.

The other part of the Centennial weekend that I particularly appreciated was that everyone was there: staff, students, alumnae, faculty, parents, friends, all mingling and enjoying each other...Bravo again...for recognizing that everyone would want to be a part of this historic event.

What could have been a logistical nightmare apparently went off without a hitch. And that takes planning...What a memory for the students to talk about for the next 60-70 years!

—Barbara Hastings Carne '69

So special for us all

I just wanted to let you know how beautiful and sentimental the Centennial affair was for me. It was my first time back since I graduated and left for my Peace Corps site 2 days later. By far, returning to see SBC has been the highlight of my state-side experiences...pretty amazing since I am in New Orleans.

I just wanted to thank you very much and let you know what a great job everyone did to make it so special for us all. I never expected to cry so much. All happy tears of good memories.

—Kat Madder '95, Loyola University

Congratulations on your Centennial

I was on the Sweet Briar Junior Year program in 1954-55. I receive your magazine which I enjoy reading. That year had a definitive effect on my life as I became a French teacher.

Congratulations on your Centennial celebration which is today!

—Norma Shakun, Williamsville, VT

Wow

Wow...an amazing job with the Gala. The food was great, the decorations were breathtaking and the music was very good, too. The fireworks were a wonderful way to finish this beautiful evening. This gala was more than I have ever imagined. It was better than in any movie I have ever seen. Thank you so much for planning this wonderful event. Everybody loved the weekend...

—Rami Achterberg '01

An absolutely perfect weekend

Thank you all for an absolutely perfect weekend!...I was so glad to be able to participate in such a festive occasion, and have many resulting happy memories!

—Betsy Butler '91

Sally Ride the perfect choice

Saturday was wonderful... and Sally Ride was the perfect choice for keynote speaker. Will videos of the speech be available for sale? I would love to have a copy.

—Nancy Hamel Clark '52

Ed. Note: Unfortunately we do not have copies for sale.

Sally Ride's address inspirational

...Sally Ride's address was inspirational and a "techno-marvel," and the Gala last night was unbelievable. I LOVED the video...I am ready to return to Sweet Briar as a student tomorrow.

—Kathy Upchurch Takvarian '72

What a weekend!

What a weekend! Wow! Right down to the very impressive fireworks! The Boston Pops have *nothin'* on SBC!

—Addy Eshbach '78

A wonderful SBC Centennial Celebration

Thank you for the wonderful SBC Centennial Celebration Weekend...everything was perfect! The details were unbelievable in every area—food, flowers, fireworks...Thank you for creating a masterpiece.

—Linda Mae Gabriel '87

A lovely affair!

The Sweet Briar Gala Centennial Celebration was such a lovely affair!...Sally Ride was such an interesting and inspiring speaker and the diverse people who received the Centennial Award really showed Sweet Briar's values, consideration, and loyalty to those who have been faithful toward the College. It truly was a moving ceremony to experience!

—Jan Huguenin Assmus '69

A wildly successful Centennial Celebration

Congratulations to all for a wildly successful Centennial Celebration! Thank you for making the day so special for so many people. I could just imagine Miss Indie, Daisy, and Mr. Williams looking down on the fireworks from Monument Hill, and being so very proud!

—Alice Dixon '82

Magazine

The Centennial Alumnae Magazine is superb.

—Mary Izard '52

Fascinating to read

I want to comment on the great job done on the history of SBC magazine. Very impressive and fascinating to read.

—Ann Reisner Bonney '84

Enjoyed very much

Just wanted to tell you I enjoyed the Alumnae [Centennial] Magazine very much. That must have been a lot of work! Only have had time to skim through it, but will read it from cover to cover.

—Anna Pai '57

letters and e-mails

Pored over every page

I have just pored over every page of the Centennial issue of OUR alumnae magazine.

It is absolutely right...I really appreciate having had the emotional experience of living through the years as I read and looked at the pages.

My special admiration goes to you for choosing to reprint so many great writings from past issues and to Nancy Blackwell Marion's Design Group. The use of handwriting...the use of photos...then the use of parts of photos, softened (as in the mind, memory).

I SWELL with pride today over this masterful creation. THANKS and PRAISE! Love to all at Sweet Briar.

—Mary Lane Bryan Sullivan '58

Very interested in the "Changes" chapter

Congratulations on the beautiful Centennial Alumnae Magazine. I think I read every word and gazed nostalgically at all the photos. The way the material was assembled and put together was masterful.

I was very interested in the "Changes" chapter...had often wondered how and when the various social changes were made.

The academic program is impressive. The students face a real challenge. Cheers for a job well done.

—Shirley Hauseman Nordhem '42

Will always treasure

Thank you for the Alumnae Magazine, March 2001, that I will always treasure. It truly sums up the 100 years of immense changes at SBC, so that all can recognize our campus no matter what our years of attendance. Congratulations on your marvelous work!

—Sallie Gayle Beck '53

A world of information about our favorite place

On Saturday the Centennial Issue of the Alumnae Magazine arrived and has consumed both of us ever since. What a masterpiece! It contains a world of information about our favorite place, and also it was written and designed so as to capture the complete attention of the reader...I want to thank ALL the good folks at SBC whose wit and wisdom brought words and

pictures together with such charm that we felt we were reliving all those wonderful days of our years, and with all those wonderful people.

—Harold B. Whiteman

What an undertaking

Really like the new edition [Centennial] of the magazine. Great job! Congrats to all involved—what an undertaking.

—Nancy Gillies '64

Next Issue

Look for memorial tributes to:

The Reverend Doctor Frank M. McClain,
Sweet Briar College Chaplain
from 1962-1966

Charles N. Prothro,
SBC Board of Overseers/
Directors for 18 years,
Board Chairman from
1972-1977.

bulletin board

Alumnae with media contacts: please check in!

The SBC public relations office is interested in creating a contact list of alumnae who either work on the editorial side of the media or who have strong media contacts in their areas. Please E-mail the office at www.sbcnews.sbc.edu

SWEET BRIAR ROSE FLAG

Richmond Alumnae Club Fund-raiser!

Richmond is selling the Sweet Briar Rose Flag (one flies at Boxwood Alumnae House). Order



yours now! Cost: \$50, includes shipping. Please mail your order, with check payable to SBC Alumnae Club of Richmond, to: Jennifer E. Crossland, 311 Cleveland Street, Richmond, VA 23221, Tel: (804) 359-9434.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Flags: _____

Stay in touch with SBC events and activities

Interested alumnae and friends can subscribe to our E-mail for up-to-date news by going to www.sbcnews.sbc.edu

Attention All Quilters!!!

It's not too late for alumnae, students, faculty, staff, and friends of SBC to send quilt squares to create a quilt to celebrate Sweet Briar's Centennial! Because of a good response so far, we have extended the deadline to receive quilt squares to OCTOBER 15th, 2001 in the hope of producing a BIG quilt.

Individual quilt squares might portray SBC milestones, traditions, events, persons, clubs, experiences, and values shaping the College over its first hundred years: historical memories preserved for the future. The collected squares will be professionally pieced together.

If you still want to stitch a bit of Sweet Briar history, please send for full information and guidelines. Hurry! Contact: Joan Lucy, Centennial Coordinator, Alumnae Office, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Phone: (434) 381-6165; FAX: (434) 381-6132; e-mail: jlucy@sb.edu

Correction

Reunion coverage, Centennial issue's Class Notes supplement, p.25: In the 1940 class photo, Clara Call Frazier is identified as Betty Frantz Roberts. We apologize!

Area Code Change

Sweet Briar's area code, as of June 1, 2001 changed from 804 to 434.

Katie Dudman '99 Wins Photography Award

Katie Dudman, a student at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, CA, had one of her works selected by *Photo District News* magazine for inclusion in its May 2001 issue. It depicts a priest, "Father Vince," whose ministry



Katie Dudman

includes hospice care. The photo was especially challenging because the subject gave her just five minutes of his time. Katie says, "I love this shot, though it represents more beginner's luck than great

judgment." She traveled to New York to accept the award.

Her latest coup is a book jacket "shoot," a portrait of the author. "I met her at a wedding reception; she is flying me to her hometown to do the shoot."

Katie credits Sweet Briar with her burgeoning photography career—"I am confident in crowds and have received many assignments due to the personality and people skills that I acquired at the College."

A history major at SBC, she is now working toward a second bachelor of arts degree, in photography, at the Brooks Institute.

Katie's photo may be viewed at <http://pdn-pix.com/contests/photoannual/2001>

Laura Reither '02 Wins Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

Laura Reither, Summerville, SC, is among 302 students nationwide to receive the highly selective Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship for 2001-2002.

The Goldwater Scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field

of 1,164 mathematics, science, and engineering students nominated by faculties at U.S. colleges and universities. The Scholarship Program was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in those fields.

Laura was awarded \$7,500 to help cover costs of her senior year at SBC.



Laura Reither

"Laura is absolutely exceptional—incredibly intelligent, observant, sensitive to others, and very well-organized. She will make a fine scientist," said Dr. Susan Piepho, professor of chemistry, who nominated her for

the award.

Laura, a biochemistry and molecular biology major elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, is working toward an honors degree, doing research on a chemically-related environmental issue. She has served as Student Government treasurer and Orientation chair for the Class of 2005.

"Sweet Briar has given me so many opportunities," she said. "I was doing research in the chemistry department my first year. I doubt I would have received this award if I hadn't had the opportunities Sweet Briar gave me."

Following graduation, Laura plans to attend graduate school to study structural biology and the way in which proteins interact with drugs.

Marian Spivey and Ariana Wolyne-Werner Awarded Presidential Medal

Marian Spivey, Henderson, KY, and Ariana Wolyne-Werner, Edinboro, PA, were named the 2001 Presidential Medalists at the February Academic Recognition Dinner.

The Presidential Medal honors up to three seniors who have demonstrated

exemplary intellectual achievement and distinction in some or all of the following areas: service to the community, contribution to the arts, enlargement of our global perspective, athletic fitness and achievement, leadership, and contributions to community discourse.



Marian Spivey

Marian Spivey, an international affairs major with minors in Spanish and French, was a Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude* graduate, receiving The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French at Commencement.

Other awards earned at Sweet Briar include the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award and the Manson Scholarship. She is a Betty Bean Black Scholar, Kenmore Scholar, and member of Alpha Lambda Delta.

President of the German Club and an officer in the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Marian worked with Habitat for Humanity and was a member of the Academic Affairs Committee, French and Spanish clubs, and Dante Alighieri Society.

She studied in SBC's Junior Year in Spain Program for a semester during sophomore year and at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris junior year; she also has a working knowledge of German and Italian.



Ariana Wolyne-Werner

Ariana Wolyne-Werner, a Rickards Scholar, double majored in religion and government and minored in performance dance. A Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

graduate, she received The Maxine Garner Prize in Religion at Commencement. Other accomplishments include nomination as a Truman Scholar junior year and membership in Alpha Lambda Delta. She made the National Dean's List, and held a Pannell Honors Scholarship and Sweet Briar Scholarship.

Ariana maintained leadership roles in many activities: Unity Club, College Republicans, Paint & Patches, Taps and Toes, Phi Alpha Delta, Amnesty International and the Student Government Association. She served on the Academic Affairs Committee as the Department of Religion's representative, the Orientation Chair Selection Committee, and the Amherst County Arts Day Steering Committee. She participated in many internships, most recently working for the U.S. Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, helping to design and create the Inauguration Web site and the Rules Committee Web site.

Author Debbie Massie Thurman '76 using own experiences to help others with MDD

By Mike Morell

Staff writer, *Amherst New Era-Progress*

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After almost 20 years of dealing with Major Depressive Disorder, Debbie Thurman of Madison Heights has emerged victorious and has written a book to help others with their battles.

From Depression to Wholeness: The Anatomy of Healing, is the story of Debbie Thurman's descent into depression, her 10-year battle with it and her recovery, using a combination of medical, psychiatric and spiritual therapies.

Thurman was born Debbie Massie in Lowesville. Her father was a building contractor and an alcoholic with a family history of depression. Her mother was a school-teacher who was the last teacher at St. Paul's Mission at Bear Mountain. She has three brothers, one of whom also suffers

from depression brought on by drug abuse.

While in high school Thurman developed an interest in journalism. After high school she attended Sweet Briar College, where she graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in English. While in college she worked part-time for two years for the *Amherst New Era-Progress*.

After college and eight months traveling around Europe, Thurman joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1977 as a second lieutenant where she served as a Media Operations Officer.

Following a failed marriage while in the Marines, Thurman met and married Russ Thurman, a fellow Marine. After leaving the Marines in 1981, the Thurmans moved to California where she continued her writing career. She joined the Marine Corps Reserve and served five more years, retiring as a captain.

It was during this time that her depression set in. She found that she could not always work, and at times could barely function.



Debbie Thurman

"There were times when I just wanted to die and have it done with," said Thurman.

"Had it not been for my husband and children I probably would have died."

She stressed that she could not have

recovered without the support and patience of husband Russ.

"The biggest frustration for Russ was a feeling of total helplessness," she recalled.

It was their strong religious faith, the support of friends and pastors and the medical and psychological therapy that eventually led to her recovery.

In 1988 she started the combination of therapy and medication which eventually led to her recovery. It took two years of experimentation to get the right medication. It was during her recovery process that Thurman decided to write her book. After combing bookstores and libraries she came to the conclusion that there was a need for a layman's resource to recovery from Major Depressive Disorder. Her

background and experience in journalism and writing, her recovery from depression and frustration at the lack of information combined to produce *From Depression to Wholeness: The Anatomy of Healing*.

Thurman is now back in Amherst County where her journey began. She plans to travel around the country to conduct seminars on depression and the hope for and means to recover.

The work has been praised by doctors, counselors and clergy as a much needed resource. Debbie Thurman can be contacted through Cedar House Publishers at P.O. Box 399, Monroe, VA 24574 or via e-mail at cedarhousepub@aol.com.

Ed's note: Since this article was written, Debbie has published a second book, Journaling From Depression To Wholeness: A 12-Week Program for Healing. She has traveled as far as California to present workshops. Both books are available through Cedar House Publishers and on their soon-to-be-launched Web site, www.cedarhousepublishers.com as well as via online bookstores. Debbie plans to publish a third book, Hold My Heart: A Teen's Journal for Healing and Self-worth, later this year.

Tia Trout '02 Named a Truman Scholar—One of Only 70 Nationwide Winners

Tia Trout, Louisa, KY, is among 70 recipients from 51 colleges and universities

nationwide to receive the highly selective Truman Scholarship. The Harry S. Truman Scholarship recognizes college juniors with exceptional leadership potential who are committed to careers in government or



Tia Trout '02

elsewhere in public service.

For full story, see "A Tale of Two Trumans," page 24.

class notes

1929

President and Secretary:
Sally Callison Jamison

And then there were 27! That's the number of surviving '29ers recorded by the college.

Encouraged by this news I called **Virginia Lee Campbell Clinch** in Dallas Texas. I hadn't heard from her in years and naturally feared the worst. It was her 95th birthday which she was about to celebrate with her son Nick and daughter Lee and their families coming from California and Colorado. It was a short but satisfactory call as she sounded as if all is well with her.

Helen Schaumleffel Ferree is still living at home, "missing her dog of 15 years" but enjoying life with her weekly club of 60 years and the nonagenarian members who in her words are her dearest friends.

Alwyn Redmond Barlow's daughter Jackie Burafeld wrote asking for help in finding the whereabouts of **Jessie Exley Wooten**, Alwyn's friend and classmate. Jackie said that Alwyn is no longer able to write but that Sweet Briar was always dear to her heart. She is 91 and lives in an assisted living facility in Colombia, SC.

Izzy North Goodwin, in her own words, is still "on her feet". She spent her first Christmas ever away from Augusta visiting her granddaughter in Florida. It was a fun experience for her. Now she is awaiting the arrival of her 14th great grandchild. She adds that while she finds it confusing to remember the birthdays she is feeling well and is "truly blessed".

Sue Tucker Yates "admits to some aches and pains but nothing serious." She spent Christmas holidays with her preacher son and family in Washington D.C. and had grand times returning home in time for a New Years Eve party. She has also visited with her other children in Blowing Rock and Asheboro N.C. Her son Ogburn Gates has converted their family farm outside of Asheboro into an 18 hole golf course. The course is located on A 1 in a beautiful area of rolling hills.

Dorothea Paddock Seeber's book "A Boy Just for Me" was published in 2000 after which there was a book party held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Irvington, New York. Since then Dorothea has had eye surgery and is being cared for by her daughter, the Reverend Sister Laurian Seeber. Dorothea and her daughter have moved to Barre, VT where Sister Laurian is serving as Assisting Priest at Christ Church, Montpelier, VT.

I have just had a telephone visit with **Ginny Chafee Gwynn** who lives in Bentley Village, a beautiful retirement home in Naples. She has lived in Naples for years so it has been an easy transition. She has survived her children but is pleased to have grandchildren living in North Florida not too far distant from her. She reports that her life falls into a peaceful routine of church, hair salon, and duplicates bridge. I hope to have lunch with Ginny before I leave. **Evaline Thoma** writes, "Things have been calmer here. The President of Sweet Briar was here in Springfield in September and came out to see us, which was a pleasure. I'm going to Arizona the end of February."

In November, I made a brief visit to SBC to attend the dedication of the Florence Elston Beemer Conference Center. **Gordon Beemer** is a childhood friend, and as I knew Florence as well, it was the privilege of **Pat Potter Duncan** '41 and me to be guests of the college at the occasion. Privilege is the right term for our stay as we were warmly welcomed by Gordon in a limo, housed in elegant rooms, photographed, and invited to share the final dinner at President Betsy Muhlenfeld's table. The Conference Center will be a source of pride, comfort, and joy to all alumnae as well as to conferees. Especially pleasant was our cordial reception at the Alumnae House visiting with our friends, old and new, the staff, and with our new associate director, **Margaret Ann MacDonald Carter** '97.

I celebrated my 93rd birthday in Cincinnati with my daughter, Jane '59 and husband, Frank Messer, my two grandsons and granddaughter, and eight little great grandchildren all under eight. It was heartwarming and fun.

My niece **Bess Smith Stone** '58 and husband were here for a visit as well as grandson Jamie and family and Jane.

After faxing this letter I plan to relax until late April when Jane will come to pack me up, and drive home. We will be in Alden, MI again this summer.

Let's keep flapping on toward 2002. Love, Sally

1932

President: Marjorie Ward Cross
Secretary: Virginia Squibb Flynn
Fund Agent: Eleanor Wright Conway

Mildred Larimer writes from her home in Honolulu that she travels alone to England in July to visit Balmoral and Sir Walter Scott's home

(castle). She had been reading a lot of his books and his biography. Also, spent three days in Oxford, went to art museums in London and Edinburgh, and had a ten day cruise on the "Norwegian Wind" to Mexico. "Lucky Larimer" our beauty classmate.

Sad to hear from S.O. that **Margaret Bennett Cullum** died June 16, 2000.

Barbara Munter Purdue writes. "Hard to believe that it has been 70 years since we graduated from SBC. I have very few chances to spend winters in Hawaii." Enjoys her family, husband, and 5 children, nine great grandkids. **Kay Scott Soles** writes, "Still here and planning to leave my paintings to Pannell Galleries at Sweet Briar."

Eleanor Wright Conway writes from her retirement home, The Forum in Indianapolis, about a wonderful trip to Fairbanks, AK to visit her granddaughter, Meg, and five great grandkids. Laura '61 is doing well so you see EI has many family and friends nearby. She sends love and God's blessings to all her dear classmates as I Squibby do. "Keep in touch". Fondly, Virginia Squibb Flynn (Mrs. James Flynn)

1934

Secretary: Martha Lou Lemmon Stohman
Fund Agent: Elizabeth Bond Wood

Mary Lee Ryan Strother's daughter, Sarah Strother King '64, from Luxembourg, has had a long visit with her in Washington. Mary Lee is appalled at a picture of Sweet Briar that labels the buildings we used to know as "the historic district." I guess at eighty-seven we are historic and will just have to get used to it. As **Dottie Prince Oldfield** says, "I never dreamed I'd live to be this old." But she lives alone, walks a mile a day, works the NY Times crosswords, plays bridge every week and goes to church on Sunday. A well-rounded life for us. **Betty Suttle Briscoe** and Chris sagely "went to San Antonio to test our vigor as tourists." They passed. Onward to a Mississippi cruise! **Ann Corbitt Little**, sans test, joined the Sweet Briar Elbe cruise and trip to Berlin. She found them good. At SB for Founders' Day she rued the absence of **Connie Burwell White** whose ailing husband prevented her receiving in person the Alumnae Award. **Nancy Hotchkiss Boschen**, after a trip to a granddaughter's wedding in Denver, comments as we all might: "I hate airports." **Maggie Ross Ellice** has left New Hampshire for New Jersey (42 Pheasant Run Road,

Flemington, NJ 08822) and doesn't mind at all being warmer. **Lib Scheuer Maxwell** has also made a move, all of two blocks, (to 67 Legare St., Apt. 307, Charleston, SC 29401) where she admires the elevator. **Ruth Myers Pleasants**, who has worked long, hard and willingly for the arts in Winston-Salem, says she's now a "consumer" and supporter. Carrying on are younger hands, such as her close friend Claire Cannon Christopher, SB '58, none other than daughter of our **Cordelia Penn Cannon**. **Smut Mayfield Roughton** says they are well, and pleased to have a grandson starting at U. Va. **Jane Morrison Moore Leak** enjoys a retirement home and maintains her house to entertain her four children, with all their branches and twigs. She's teaching her Bible Class too. **Helen Hanson Bamford** is still at home, not sure it's a good idea "I should have given up my farm business and moved into retirement living. Probably wouldn't like it!" **Marcia Morrison Curtis** does like it and is busy and healthy. **Helen Hofficker Roehm** is ill and **Nan Russell Carter** is recovering from summer surgery, but both are up to writing me. **Mary Pringle**, I think, never did. Now I have her obituary with a 1999 photo that looks exactly as we remember her. It carries a glowing account of "Miss Pringle's Nursery School" that she built up through the years. I admire those who've built up. My life has been varied and joyful but no Big Product. Last month took me to an Elderhostel in Phoenix, and a scorpion hunt with my niece who nightly cases the outer walls of their house with a black light in which the critters will glow. And we got one.

1938

President: Janet MacFarlan Bergmann
Secretary: Frances Bailey Brooke

Bless all you good gals who sent me the latest news of you and your families! **Molly Talcott Dodson** didn't wait for the card to write about her spend-the-day visit to Sweet Briar in April with a friend from '53 who was showing her granddaughter the campus. Molly's visit to the Alumnae House revealed a large picture of **Ginny Faulkner Mathews** and **Maud Carson Tucker Drane**. Later at the entrance to the Pannell Art Gallery (formerly the Refectory) Molly spied a handsome memorial to **Betty Mead Smartt Johnson** and the Johnson family. Molly says, "We may be antiques but are still

a small part of our time at Sweet Briar today!" E. Griffith Dodson IV arrived at Christmas, adding a fifth grandson to Molly's tour, now all in graduate school. Grif remains in an assisted living facility where he has been for several years with Alzheimer's. Children and grandchildren are all in close touch.

Golf and bridge keep **Moselle Worsley Fletcher** busy. Sounds very energetic for 83! She hears from **Vesta Murray Haselden** at Christmas.

Wonderful to have a card from **Sarah Tomlinson Foscue** after a long time. Jimmie is not in good health so they keep pretty close to home in High Point. But she did enjoy a lovely weekend at the Greenbrier in early December with her daughter Sally Merrill and daughter-in-law Lynn. Sarah's son Tom and his wife Cyndee who live in Westlake Village, Ca., attended President George W. Bush's inauguration and festivities. They were at Harvard Business School together.

Summer and fall travel have kept **Isabelle Franke DeGraaf** busy. A visit to her sister in Maine to see her new home and then to Highlands, NC with her children to visit the places where they vacationed together when young. A fun train ride through the mountains was included.

A wonderful Christmas letter from **Marge Thaden Davis** gave all the news of herself and her family. Marge continues as an usher and lay reader at her church, Saint Luke's in Somers, NJ, and takes turns hosting social hours and bridge parties. She attended her husband's family reunion in York, SC with her children and she keeps up with the busy activities of her children and grandchildren.

Barbara "Fergie" Hill is still enjoying her life between Florida (winter) and Cape Cod (summer). She and her neighbor **Mary Ann Housel Carr** have a great time on the Cape with all their kids, grandkids and great grands! **Janet MacFarlan Bergmann** lives about 20 minutes away and there are several more recent graduates of Sweet Briar in her "compound"—a real Briar Patch on Cape Cod! Fergie still plays a little tennis and more golf. Her husband Larry celebrated his 90th birthday in December and they are both "hanging in."

A card from Rosemary Reese, **Barbara Cross Reese's** daughter-in-law, writing for Barbara, says that Barbara is battling Parkinson's Disease and is now living at Kirkland Village, an assisted living facility in Easton, Pa. She has three children: Evan, an orthopaedic surgeon in Easton, Bill, a teacher in the Stroudsburg, Pa. school district, and Debbie who manages a physician's office in Shamokin, Pa. Barbara dotes on her three children and nine grandchildren, and sends her best to all her Sweet Briar friends.

Hope to see **Carolyn Staman Ogilvie** in June when she and her hus-

band attend the 7th Washington and Lee University graduation in her family here in Lexington. That's bound to be a record!

Shirley Haywood Alexander is leading a very active lifestyle in a lovely retirement cottage in Raleigh. She travels often with friends to play bridge at the beach or to a great hotel for the weekend and joins tours with the NC Historical Society. She recently saw **Dot Thomas Upton** in Winston-Salem.

A card from **Margaret Weimer Shepherd** says that her husband Walter died in late November at age 96 of Parkinson's Disease, though, fortunately, he hadn't been sick very long. Their two sons are nearby and two grown grandsons are still in college—Brown and Hamilton. Another one is "hanging out" on a beach in Hawaii! Two other younger ones live in Winchester, Va. but visit often. Margaret is well but has back problems and can't travel.

Josephine McCandlish Sutton is enjoying life at Westminster Canterbury Retirement Home in Winchester with several other St. Catherine's alumnae. While visiting her daughter Becky in Marblehead Jo became ill and was hospitalized there for several weeks before returning to Va. She keeps in touch with **Molly Dodson** and many other Richmond friends.

No classmates in Dallas for **Nancy Old Mercer** to see but she occasionally visits with other Briarites at S.B. gatherings. Her S.B. graduate daughter who lives with her is Head of the Upper School of Dallas. Nancy has three children in Dallas, another nearby and can boast of 10 grands from age 27 to 5!

We're looking forward to seeing **Kitty King Corbett Powell** when she comes to Lexington in April for George's 65th VMI Reunion. Her late husband was George's classmate. Kitty toured Wales last summer with the S.B. Alumnae Group and roomed with **Ruth Tempest** (Class of '42). We took a similar Alumnae trip to Scotland in 1999 with Kitty and Ruth and had a great time.

George and I stay active, though some days are better than others! He attends the fitness center several days a week but I get my exercise in simpler ways. The Bailey Family Reunion in Hendersonville, NC in July was a lot of fun. We enjoyed a wonderful cruise on the Rhone and Saone Rivers in Provence in September and we are planning another trip to Japan in May. Our granddaughter Catherine who was married again last June is expecting in July, so we look forward to having a second great grandchild this year.

Sadly, we have lost two classmates recently. **Denise DuPont Zapffe** died last year and **Virginia Guild Colmore** died in Chattanooga, Tn. January 1, 2001. The Alumnae office will write to their families, and their names will be read at the Alumnae Memorial Service held during Reunion in the spring.

Sweet Briar College's one hundredth birthday is being celebrated this year with all kinds of gala festivities. Announcements of the various special dates will be mailed and I hope that some of us can attend.

Take care, girls, and don't forget our 65th Reunion coming up in 2003!

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Editor's correction: **Augusta Saul Farrier's** name was misspelled in the class notes accompanying the centennial alumnae magazine. Augusta's daughter Betsy (SBC '70) lives in Charlotte, NC (not Charlottesville). We regret the errors.

1940

Secretary: Ruth Mealand Schwartz

Greetings again from a previous Class Secretary as **Polly Boze Glascock** asked to be relieved, having done a superb job for the past five years. She was one of the loyal classmates who attended our 60th Reunion in 2000. Then she and Jim were able to travel to Polly's beloved France, taking a cruise up the Rhone River from Provence. At home, Polly is still volunteering at Richmond's Museum of Fine Arts and at her church. She is also a great help to me by sending news about our classmates. Polly saw **Marie Gaffney Barry** (SBC '40-'41) a few months before she passed away last September in New Canaan, CT. **Blair Bunting Both** and Rich are in good health, enjoying their new retirement home in Kennett Square, PA. Blair also attended our 60th, and continues her longtime volunteer work with the Hospice Bereavement group in nearby Wilmington, DE, plus is taking two or three classes at the nearby Academy of Lifelong Learning, taught to those over 50. Rich still continues his experimental greenhouse work at the famous Longwood Gardens three days a week, to which Blair frequently walks, as it is only five minutes from home. Last summer they flew to Colorado to see their grandchildren, Anna 13 and Ian 10. **Mariana Bush King** and Bob traveled to Highlands, NC for a month, leaving their home on a beautiful lake where they have lived for 50 years in Avon Park, FL. Mariana is proud that six of their eight 'grands' are married, while three others are in college and one in high school. **Helen Cornwell Jones** and Homer are now settling into their new retirement home called "Meadow Lakes" in Hightstown, NJ. It is only 10 miles East of their former home in Princeton. Helen transplanted her love of gardening to her new rose garden and to the plants in the Health Care section. She still finds time for fitness workouts and dips in the pool —

as well as finding time to help Homer launch The Center for Christian Origins on the premises, which they hope will become affiliated with Princeton's Theological Seminary. A wonderful surprise greeted Helen when she saw **Barbara Smith Whitlock** move into her building. They were roommates: now they are Happy Hour mates! **Margaret ("Maggie") Dowell Kearney** is still at her McLean, VA address, where she now is dependent upon a new ocular machine to help her read and write, since developing macular degeneration. Her sons and their families grow and prosper. **Elizabeth (Nickie) Gockley McLellan** writes from her and Bob's Garden City, NY home even though Nickie's arthritis in her hands, knees and ankles bothers her. She still gets out to play nine holes of golf though as often as possible. They visited their oldest son and his wife in Lennox, MA; then spent three days with them at Tanglewood. The McLellens announce the birth in late summer of their 5th great-grandchild. Nickie sees Ethel ("Butch") Gurney Betz (SBC '41). Another one attending our 60th was **Georgia Herbert Hart**. Her granddaughter, Alicia Hart, was on campus to treat her to tours, a voice recital and an art exhibit, as well as a golf session.

In the Southwest, writing from the high desert area on a hill in Silver Creek, NV, near Elko, is **Ellen McClintock Templeton**. In the winter, with Charles, Ellen goes RVing in their new motor home, to spend two months in San Diego. **Mary Miller Sharp** and Robert are more often than not in and out of the country, though their home base is Baltimore. Another happy traveler is **Jean Tyree Oseth**, who had a great trip to France last June, visiting Paris and the Loire Valley with her children. Back home in Alexandria, VA, Jean is the archivist for The National Society of Colonial Dames. Smithsonian archival work and also at a historic house in Georgetown as well as at a very old apothecary shop in Alexandria fills her spare hours. Jean sees **Ruth Collins Henry** who looks fine now and who has recently bought a house in Leesburg, VA near her daughter and a new grandchild. Renting a house last July on Oak Island, NC, to accommodate all six children, one spouse and four 'grands' allowed **Cynthia Noland Young** and Karl a week of being with their family, and their first chance to meet their youngest granddaughter who turned one year old on July 16. Though Cynthia and her husband each have had cataract operations, using the marvelous new techniques, yet she is still able to volunteer at their Southport, NC library, doing Publicity, and at their hospital's weekly Flea Market. In Oct., the Youngs cruised out of nearby Wilmington, NC to Bermuda, sailing right past their house on the Cape Fear River. **Jacqueline ("Jackie") Sexton Daley** is thankful that she is still well

and strong enough to keep house and cook, often for extra family members who work nearby in her Belmont/San Francisco area. She still belongs to AAUW, plays bridge and always helps at her church, especially in the Thrift Shop. In September, she went to Canada with her African daughter, to visit another Kenyan who had lived with the Daleys while attending school here. I heard from **Rosemary Borge Johnson** at Christmas. She is settled in her condo in Madison, WI, where either her children visit her, or vice versa. **Marjorie Lee Stock Clemens** recently wrote that last summer was a busy one, with her family visiting her in St. Joseph, MI. Otherwise, she volunteers at their local theatre, concerts and library.

Mildred Moon Montague is still living in Lookout Mt., TN, but at a new address, which has her now living next door to some of her grandchildren. She plans on having her whole family for Thanksgiving at "The Cloister". Her middle son, Rick, is legal head of SE Environmental Movement, traveling frequently to Charlottesville, where several great nieces have graduated from UVA in the past few years. It is hard to keep up with **Emory Gill Williams** and her growing family, the latest being a great grandson born in March 2000. In June, another grandson, son of **Dabney Williams McCoy** (SBC '65) was married. Afterwards, the Williamses spent June 14 to Sept. 8 at their summer cottage in Maine, from where they took a side trip to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, driving about 2000 miles. Back home in Richmond, they do a lot of walking and golfing. A short note from **Lisa Pugh Worthing** has her still living with Clifford in their home of many years in Cincinnati, OH. Her handwriting indicates that she is not well. Though **Agnes Spencer Burke**'s pinched nerve in her neck is "a pain", it did not keep her from attending a grandson's wedding—"akin to a coronation"—last May. This young couple now lives near Agnes in Alexandria, VA. However, she is now looking forward to retiring at "Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge" near Charlottesville.

Eleanor ("Ellie") Snow Lea appreciated our Class President's letter following our 60th Reunion, telling about the weekend. I too, was grateful to receive a copy. I believe if I counted correctly, that six represented our class at Reunion. **Betty Frantz Roberts** drove over quickly from her home in Lynchburg. **Clara Call Frazier** was one of those six. After 34 years in So. California, Clara and Bill are quietly trying to "grow older gracefully" 'Back East' where they grew up. All of their seven children and their eight children are still 'Out West' though, where they grew up. They visit the Fraziers now in Richmond, VA, and came especially for Clara and Bill's 60th wedding anniversary on July 20, 2000. **Jane**

Westphalen Gray writes from St. Louis, MO, that she loves hearing about all "the girls", but unfortunately she never gets to see any! In August, Jane and Everett's children had a lovely 60th anniversary party for them.

Hortense Powell Cooper in Shelbyville, TN, has a 10-yr. old granddaughter whose mother went to SBC. Hortense is still in her own home where she is trying to learn to write and send e-mail letters. **Jean Tyree Oseth** sent a new address for **Ruth Collins Henry**, now in Leesburg, VA near her daughter. Ruthie can no longer write or drive since her stroke of a few years ago. Jean herself was preparing for her annual Christmas party. **Virginia Leggett Cameron** says her original attempt at growing orchids almost killed them, therefore she ignored them; and so of course they flourished outdoors in the trees at her Palm Beach Gardens, FL home. **Jane Bush Long** in Augusta, GA sends her best. **Ann Adamson Taylor's** card from Baltimore is being written now by her daughter (SBC '70), Sally, who has returned home to be with her mother. Ann is still trying to win the war between her courage and her health problems. **Martha Janney Smith McGowan** is still in very excellent health and is still living in earthquake-prone CA with husband, Chuck. Their favorite activity now is watching their nearby great grandson grow up. He's now walking with help. **Majorie Lee Stock Clemens** is still a very loyal volunteer of many years for the local St. Joseph, MI library and historical organizations. **Cynthia Noland Young** wrote about a telephone call from **Ann Conant Weaver** in Reno, NV recently saying that Ann plans to move to Denver as soon as her place is available in another year. **Georgia Herbert Hart** still enjoys her Barbara Bush pearls from our skit during our 50th Reunion year in 1990. She too grows orchids. **Dorothy Campbell O'Connor** takes first prize, though, in raising orchids, which she has done for many years. Her favorite orchid is called "Sheherezada," and her husband, Bill, kindly sent me a copy of a watercolor of it. Bill and the family are now writing messages for Dorothy due to her arthritis. She also keeps a large collection of recipes—the family found one recipe card that describes the piercing of her earlobes at age 63. My husband and I still live in our Cleveland Hts., OH home, and near our son's five-year-old, daughter; our daughter's other three are a 2 1/2 hour's non-stop flight away in Orlando. We have two orchids, now blooming for about 10 years. However, we are still trying to get our recycled Amaryllises to bloom. I am now enjoying hearing from you for our Class Notes again, and am also writing concise histories for some groups to which we belong. Now to hear from all of you before next year's deadline of October 15th. Please keep on letting me hear from you.

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President: Clare Eager Matthai
Secretary: Katy Parker Silverman

Again, many thanks for responses to this column. I can't tell you how enjoyable it is hearing from all of you. Sadly, some of the news is not good. We received notice from her daughter and the Alumnae Office that **Letitia Ord Bonbright** died Aug. 30, 2000 and from the Alumnae Office that **Eloise Davis** passed away Sept. 6, 1999. And **Esther Jett Holland** writes that her husband Hugh, lost his four-year fight against melanoma in May of this year. She herself has been seriously ill due to a reaction to a powerful antibiotic administered to her while in the hospital and was unable to be with him but did attend the funeral against her doctor's wishes. She writes that she did attend her oldest grandchild's wedding in June and was surprised to learn that the bride's maternal grandfather had grown up with **Elsie Jackson!** Bride and groom are now living in Charlotte, NC where he attends seminary aspiring to become a Presbyterian minister. From Esther also comes the news that **Byrd Smith Hunter** and her husband Henry had a rough summer after she broke her kneecap in a fall and Henry injured his back. Both are well now. Their daughter, Carter (my oldest Godchild) has a new job at VMI and loves it. **Clare Eager Matthai** writes, "March trips to GA and Naples, FL have become annual events. Also was recently on a family outing—mostly hiking, at Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon and I go back to Baltimore periodically." Clare tells us she is also taking some courses at a Learning-In-Retirement program at the local SUNY center and has gone on the board of a local retirement home. In addition she plays golf, bridge, gardens, does church work etc. Sounds very busy! **Mary Love Ferguson** has had a busy year. Her son Lynn underwent surgery for esophageal cancer in May—also chemo and radiation but seems to be making a good recovery and has acquired curly hair also. She writes that her first great grandchild was born in Oct.—a girl, after two sons and three grandsons. **Betty Potter Kinne Hillyer** has also been busy. After moving out of her house for four months while her kitchen—now a thing of beauty—was being "reborn," she had a Sea Goddess cruise in the Caribbean this spring and is taking her family to London for Christmas. Other than that she has been home with her three dogs, children, and working for her main interest the San Diego Humane Society. 'Tis exciting as we are in the midst of a capital campaign for a brand new state of the art facility in conjunction with the County Animal Control—separate facilities. Designed by the same architect and very attractive, it is

a new concept, which we hope will enable many more animals to be helped." **Tookie Kniskern White**, who resides in Honolulu, has done much traveling. She just returned from a safari in Kenya with her children and their spouses and youngest grandchildren. The older ones had been before. Most of the animals, she says, were very cooperative. Though modestly declaiming that she had nothing new or exciting to report **Marguerite Hume** writes of fascinating work as a volunteer in ESL (English as a Second Language) for Ky Refugee Ministries. "We try to teach newly-arrived refugees basic English so that they can get and hold a job. They are amazingly diligent and learn quickly in spite of some dreadful experiences in the recent past." **Nancy "Ping" Pingree Drake** continues to keep up with her many activities particularly in the fields of art, education, and hospital causes. She says she's greatly helped by her children and grandchildren who are in college (one in graduate school of architecture at Charlottesville) matriculating or on their way. She is looking forward to the '03 reunion where she can see more of her classmates. I echo her sentiments. **Virginia White Brinton** writes that she and her husband have moved to a "lovely retirement home, Lakewood Manor, on the outskirts of Western Richmond surrounded by beautiful woods," and they are very happy there. Her new address is 1900 Lauderdale Drive, Richmond, VA 23233. She also writes that the SBC Alumnae Club gave a "sumptuous party overlooking the James River at the Virginia House where we heard all about the upcoming celebration [1607, Landing at Jamestown]. **Dodi Cheatham James** describes a long weekend in NYC in April during which **Annabelle Forsch Prager** and she went to the Metropolitan Museum together and they and Dodi's husband had a lovely dinner together one night. Annabelle was taking a tap-dancing class and had been to North Africa. **Camille Guyton Goething**, noting that it's been a long time since she has written, quotes her husband Ted: "We don't have to worry about the Golden Years anymore—we're almost through them." She's still selling real estate and he is retired, but does the cooking and washes the dishes! **Dorothy Campbell Maher** reports that two of her granddaughters were married at celebrations that turned into family reunions where she was able to meet all five great grandchildren. After the Texas wedding, they visited Bonnie and Gavin Garrett.

Lucy Kiker Jones recalls a delightful week in Nantucket in June with friends and her one and only grandson got married in May. Otherwise, "I did the usual—some gardening, bridge, church work and beach going, although we had a rainy summer. Saw Esther Jett Holland several times and Kitty Jones came here for lunch and

bridge in Sept. Would love to hear from anyone who comes this way."

Caroline McClintock writes she and Gales returned to Davidson for his 60th reunion and had a great weekend with many friends. They plan to move next April 2001 "to a very, very nice retirement community here in Greenwood. The distance to our golf course is the same as it is from our present home. Gales has measured it! Our children are coming in November to help celebrate our 58th wedding anniversary, and we plan to put names on furniture etc at that time, even though most of it will move with us." **Fay Chandler** takes note of Letitia Ord Bonbright's death last summer and states that she had had lunch with her three weeks before that event and that she was beautiful and fun always. She also tells us that she is still painting—latex on large canvas, husband writing. **Fayette McDowell Willett** writes, "My routine about the same as last year, except that one grandson is following his father and grandfather (not Gene) to Woodbury Forest. Miss him. Like everyone else I too was concerned about my "stuff" until one of my smarter friends said, "Don't worry. I'm making my children earn their inheritance and I'm overlooking the mess!"

Braxton (Brac) Preston writes from her empty nest—her niece and her four children relocated to Florida— at the end of the school year. "Though I am alone in this house, and I miss them, there are times when the quiet is a pleasure. I'm in the midst of restoration—house and yard. Two years of maximum use and minimum care. The angel over the waterfall, for instance has totally disappeared in a mass of unclipped shrubbery." She says her health is holding up except for her knees, but "compared to what some of my friends are coping with that's nothing." **Betty Lawrie Kimbrough** says she and her husband moved into a life care place in Juno Beach FL a year ago and are glad they did. Wonderful people, good food, few responsibilities and NO COOKING!

Valerie Jones Materne has moved to a condominium about one mile from her house—"a good move as my eyesight is failing." She still plays tennis, works at the library, sings in the choir and travels. "I am about to take off for Israel. My 3rd daughter lives in Jerusalem with her family. Her son has married a Norwegian and another grandson has married a Russian so we are becoming international. I have 12 grandchildren ranging in age from 32 years to 2." **Rozelia Hazard Potter** (Posy) returned to the tennis matches in New York this year and attended the U.S. Open on the only rainless day during the first week of play! It was wonderful! **Kitty Jones** notes that this past summer is the first one in years that she hasn't taken an overseas trip but that she has run out of countries she's interested in. She describes the terrible flood that affected her area last year.

One hundred eighty one businesses in Franklin (VA) were "totaled" "Fortunately Floyd—didn't do any damage in the West End where I live. I talked to Lucy Jones and she's fine." **Primmy Johnston Craven** keeps busy with local affairs at Chatham, MA—the Human Services Committee and the Ecumenical Council for the Homeless. Many of the working people here are losing their homes as rentals are being bought up as second summer homes. So much for the "good times"! **Annabelle Forsch Prager** received a "gorgeous" invitation to a gala ball honoring **Betty Potter Kinne Hillyer** and her partner who were the founders of a unique "not-for-profit boutique called 'Glorious Antiques' the profits of which benefit neglected or abandoned animals. I have been to the shop, which is a marvelous success in La Jolla, CA having expanded several times. This upscale thrift shop accepts only fine merchandise and I was impressed by the beautiful things that were available. This is a real achievement for Betty Potter who has been involved for years in the project and is a devoted animal lover. As for me, I had an interesting trip to Tunisia last spring—loved the South where movies such as 'The English Patient' were made and people live underground to escape the heat." A lovely letter and accompanying family picture was received from Ronald Adams, husband of **Deborah Douglas Adams**, who suffered a stroke almost 12 years ago. He writes, "Deborah enjoys life so very much and so do I." Their children and grandchildren are all doing well and the four youngest Grandchildren are a great joy to them. **Elizabeth Shepherd Scott** is enjoying her retirement and especially a new grandchild named after her late daughter who was in the class of 1966 at Sweet Briar. The little one is named Shepherd McChesney Scott, Chess for short. **Beth Dichman Smith** keeps up with **Marybelle Lee Aldridge** who lives in Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville, FL. Marybelle has been struggling with Parkinson's disease for 30 years and still manages to keep going. Beth and I travel frequently to NYC to sample concerts at the Lincoln Center and other goodies that the city has to offer. That's all for now—probably too long already. Many thanks for your cards which are fun to read and make this column possible.

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President: Louise Barry
Secretary: Constance Budlong Myrick
Secretary pro tem: Alice Lancaster Buck

Many thanks to all of you who sent notes to **Connie Sue Budlong Myrick**. She said the response was "heartening!" but due to recent physical difficulties she had to forgo putting the notes together. We all join in wishing

her a complete recovery. She is now living with her daughter and son-in-law and sixteen year old granddaughter at 5681 Glade View Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38120. (Phone: 901-766-1690). **Louise Barry** organized a wonderful 56th mini-reunion at Wintergreen Resort in late April. To quote **Paulett Taggart**, "walking, tennis, the Spa and Fitness Center ('sophisticated simplicity') and moderate wining and dining were enjoyed by **Sydney Bales**, **Louise Barry**, **Pete and Alice Buck**, **Herb and Phyllis Dowd**, **Richard and Betty Gookin**, **Jean Blanton Stein** and her new husband **Chuck**, **Billy and Ellen Boyd Miller**, **Peggy Seiler** and **Bob**, and **Bill and Helen Watt**." Our speaker **Dr. Barbara Perry**, **Carter Glass** Professor of Government and Director of the Center for Civic Renewal, invited us to the October forum on "Technocracy in America 2000: The Media's Impact on Presidential Politics." This was an occasion for another delightful mini-reunion and most of the Wintergreen group attended plus **Norma Bradley Arnold** who drove all the way from Kentucky! **Louise Barry** is hoping that many more will return for the next symposium of the Center for Civic Renewal on September 20-22. If you would like to join us please call her at (516) 676-4358 or E-mail (louise1923@msn.com). **Goodie (Eleanor Goodspeed Abbott)** writes that she is "struggling comfortably in a posh and caring retirement home, with macular degeneration and asthma." Her daughter **Hannah** and son-in-law **Eliot** have adopted "an enchanting Rumanian baby girl, **Crasandra**." "A wee thing," **Goodie** says, but ready for anything, and already devoted to her five year old sister **Natalie**. **Nancy Eagles O'Bannon** says she and **Whet** had an unbelievably perfect visit to **Sally Skinner Behnke** in September full of first adventures in the Pacific Northwest. After a seaplane ride they sailed through the San Juan Islands. Sally later visited the O'Bannons and toured the town and galleries when she attended some meetings in Lexington, KY involving the American Horse Association. She says that her first year without **Bob**, after 56 years together, has gone by quickly, thanks to family and friends and keeping busy. She planned to be in Sun Valley during January and February skiing and playing bridge. Her family business of **Sur Latable**, a cooking equipment store, is doing very well with 20 stores all over the country. **Tee Tift Porter** has had a quiet year due to **Jimmy's** Parkinson's, but last June she was able to take two granddaughters to Tuscany and plans to take another one to England and France this June. A fourth granddaughter graduated from Brown University and is now at Harvard Law School. "They are the shining lights in our lives," **Tee** writes. **Emily Ann Wilkins Mason's** daughter and son-in-law are enjoying being part of the Sweet Briar

community where he is on the Library staff. **Em** has a granddaughter who loves horses and riding and they are hopeful that she, like her mother and grandmother, will be a Sweet Briar girl. **Em** keeps up with **Anne Woods Guzzardi** who now lives in Charlottesville. **Pat Whitaker Waters** recently had a second knee replacement followed by getting therapy. She has a grandchild getting married in June. **Norma ("Brad") Arnold** had a visit from **Janet Staples Munt** in November. Janet was recently reelected to a second term in the Vermont State Senate. She spends four days a week in Montpelier, the state capitol, and weekends at her home in Burlington. Janet says it's hard work, often frustrating, and sometimes fun, and she wishes she had gotten into politics sooner—but better late than never. **Brad** reported the sad news that **Marty Falk Vallery** lost her husband **Harry** on July 10th last summer. We also lost three classmates in the summer of 1999—**Carol Myers Hunter** on June 5, **Ginny Noyes Pillsbury** on July 11, and **Anne Bowen Broadus** on July 18. A sad summer for the Class of 1944. **Marty** reports that she is still spending eight months in Florida, playing bridge and golf three days a week and working at one of the hospitals on Fridays in their consignment shop. Her five grown grandchildren take turns visiting her, enjoying the beach, free food etc. and she loves having them! She plans to be at Sweet Briar in September for our next mini-reunion. **Betty ("Fence") Williams Gookin** reports that she and **Richard** had a wonderful Christmas with lots of family except for daughter **Betsy** and her husband **Rick** who were visiting their son **Michael**, **Betty's** eldest grandson, who is teaching at Bryanston School in Dorset, England. **Betty** and **Richard** plan to visit him in May. **Peggy Gordon Seiler** reports that she continues to be in good health and that Sweet Briar's former dance instructor, **Frances Davies Wessells**, is still teaching dancing in Richmond at age 81, and **Peggy's Bob**, who is the same age, continues to work part-time as a pastoral associate at St. James Episcopal Church. May we all do as well! **Alice Johnson Fessenden** is finishing a two year appointment from the City of Mesquite, NV to both the **Clarke County (Las Vegas) Board of Health** and the **Nuclear Waste Transportation Steering Committee**. **Alice** believes that it was the majestic **Meta Glass** as much as the Sweet Briar education itself that presented a great role model and the confidence required for leadership. Another significant influence was **Harriet Rogers** and her riding program. **Alice's** granddaughter, **Lindsay Wagner**, is also a lover of horses and took her Utah horse "Utah Jazz" to England last summer for competition in "Eventing." **Dotty Beuttell Blakeman** and her husband **Chat** have moved to a continuing care community at 3104 Coleman

Court in Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732. Dottie suggests that communication among us might be easier if we give the Alumnae Office our E-mail addresses. **Margaret (Marge) Eggers Perry** wrote sad news about **Alice Hepburn Puleston's** current struggle with cancer. Marge says that Ray had two back-to-back surgeries followed by pneumonia last summer but he is back to his yard work, and she "remains her usual ebullient self, defying chronic leukemia and an occasional bout with bronchitis." She and Ray have four cats and five dogs "all along in years but all likewise treasured." **Helen Cantey Woodbridge** and West are enjoying life in Charleston, SC where they are "Senior Scholars" at the Citadel, members of a Foreign Affairs Forum, and escaped the heat last summer by traveling to California, Maine, Massachusetts and New York. They hope to go to Europe this May. **Adelaide Taylor Nunez** reports that she is slowly recovering from multiple illnesses. **Muriel Abrash Schapiro** writes from Richmond that she is fine and still involved in book clubs and teaching English to children and senior citizens. She enjoys using the computer—loves the "magic box." She has three grandchildren in college and one of them is studying environmental science for a semester in the South Pacific. **Jean Blanton Stein** married the Rev. Charles Stein in August 1999, and she reports that "life with Chuck is super-active—full of interesting activity and pastoral work in our retirement community, numerous family get-togethers, and travel." Last fall they enjoyed Chuck's Naval Academy class reunion on the Mississippi. They also had a visit with "Si" and **Sloan Hawkins Ward** while touring the Great Smokies. In March they had dinner at Jim and **Betty Farinholt Cockrill's** with Pete and **Alice Lancaster Buck** and newly-weds **Murrell ("Ricky") Richards Werth** and her husband Matt. Ricky and Matt (Matthew Fontaine Maury Werth) were married on November 20th (Ricky's birthday) at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Norfolk. The ceremony was performed by Ricky's cousin Bishop Heath Light from Roanoke. Matt's career has been primarily in the management of the arts—both the art museum and the Virginia Symphony. **Eleanor (Ellie) Lamotte Trippe** reports from Easton, Maryland that her oldest daughter is still happily situated in Richmond, and that her youngest daughter and her three granddaughters live only a mile away. Ellie enjoys bridge and reading, and golf when the weather permits. **Elizabeth (Libby) Vaughan Bishop** reports that when her beloved apartment with its 14th floor skyline of San Antonio went condo she and Louis moved to a first floor with grass and trees and a patio. She also traded 25 active years of involvement with the Symphony for board jobs with the San

Antonio Botanical Society. She is a G.C.A. Artistic Judge and has loved all the traveling involved. She planned to be in Philadelphia this spring. **Ellen Boyd Duval Miller** and Billy are happily situated in a nice retirement community in Richmond and she says that the transfer of responsibility is great! She and Billy enjoyed the fall Symposium on Communications at Sweet Briar and commended Louise Barry for her wonderful job of getting classmates together. **Anita Lippitt Clay** enjoyed a two months stay in the Lake district of Italy with a friend and is still playing her accordion with the "Crabettes." They gave a big performance on New Year's Eve. **Anne Moore Remington**, who in 1974 became the first person in Maryland designated as a CTC (Certified Travel Consultant), is still working three days a week and trying to keep up with the travel industry, which she says is not an easy task these days. Anne says that her children, including Carol Remington Class of 1971, are dragging her into the 21st century—kicking and screaming, but as of this February she now has an E-Mail address: AREMO@myseniors.com. It's been a pleasure catching up with so many of you through putting these notes together. **Betty Gookin** offered her help which gave us a delightful excuse to have lunch together. Pete and I are still very much involved in church work, primarily through prayer ministry and pre-marital counseling, and we've had some wonderful trips, including the Passion Play in Germany last summer, a Caribbean cruise in March and a trip to the Baltic this summer. We're looking forward to another mini-reunion at Sweet Briar in September. Hope to see many of you there.

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President: Bea Dingwell Loos and Ade Jones Voorhees
Secretary: Mary (Polly) Vandeventer Saunders
Fund Agent: Catherine Smart Grier

Here we are again. It seems like a long time between news. First of all, the sad news, **Anne Hill Edwards'** husband, Grif, died since we were in touch. **Betsy Gurley Hewson** went to his funeral in Amherst. Graeff and Ray were also there. The reception at the Elston Inn was lovely. Anne's boys, Pres and Ben, did a perfect job of doing everything the way Grif would have wanted it. We send our love to you, Anne. **Bea Dingwell Loos** writes about the unexpected loss of her son, Ken. He had worked in Norway for five years and two in Egypt. As an expatriate he worked for B.P. Amoco (now B.P.). He had been head geologist in twelve drillings and had successfully located millions of barrels of oil for the company. B.P. has done everything

possible in helping Jennifer and their three children to become repatriated and resettled in America. They are now in Houston, hopefully gradually returning to normalcy. Our thoughts are with you, Bea. On the brighter side, she tells about eleven family members who spent a week at Ted Turner's 588,000-acre environmental Vermejo Park Ranch in New Mexico. They enjoyed fly fishing in beautiful lakes at an altitude over 10,000 feet and saw the largest bison and elk in the world. They also saw roaming wild turkey families and huge black bears at close range. These bears had to be taken over 200 miles away. They found their way back to the lodge grounds and had to be shot. **Helen Murchison Lane** writes of her trip to Budapest, Prague, and Berlin. "Berlin is like one huge construction site — lots of energy in all three cities." Her sister, Muffet, and her husband, John Course, are moving back to Jacksonville. Murch is thrilled. They will move into their parents' home on the St. John's River. John will soon be retiring as the Fund Director of the UVA Law School. Murch enclosed some clippings about the tragic death of **Crutcher Field Harrison's** granddaughter, Helen Witty, who was struck by a car that veered onto the bike path where she was skating. She was 16. A newspaper article stated, "Nearly everyone who knew her describes the Palmetto High sophomore as 'a shining star,' 'a bright light.'" She was active in her community and at school, the vice president of her sophomore class, and a leader in her youth group at University Baptist Church." Murch has two sets of grand twins. They go to school in Charlottesville. For their 18th birthday they expressed an interest in skydiving. Their wish was granted. "Landing was like a butterfly's landing. Now they want to go again. Terrifying!" writes Grandma Helen. **Jean Love Albert** writes from their farm (which we have all enjoyed) that she and Jack creak a little more each year. The highlights of the last twelve months were the arrival of their 14th grandchild and the celebration of their 50th anniversary — and the retirement of their first child, Ceci, from the Air Force (27 years of service). **Leila Fellner Lenagh** writes from Flemington, NJ, about the joy of living next door to two of her beautiful granddaughters, ages six and four. "They are a constant reminder of how generations succeed one another, though nothing is new yet nothing is ever the same." She and Tom don't travel a lot since her Parkinson's has increased her need for sleep, decreased her stamina, and interfered with her interests like calligraphy. She did send me one of her pressed flowers, a perfect purple pansy. Hard to keep her down! **Hallie Tom Nixon Powell** writes from her summer home in Rudisio, NM. They have been going there for 25 years to race quarter horses. The Labor Day purse was a million

dollars for two-year-old quarter horses. After her Jack died three years ago, she continued for two years with the horses, and them sold them. She keeps up with **Ruth Houston Baker** "If possible, she is prettier than ever." From Tyler, TX, Hallie is going to DC with her garden club for the presentation of a butterfly garden to the Smithsonian from the Garden Club of America (of which the Tyler Club is a member), then on to NY City for shows, museum, and shopping. A granddaughter lives there, and they have a ball. **Ellen Robbins Red** in Houston tells of her late adventure. This was a trip to Brazil in March to visit a friend living near Rio. They went on an extended birding trip that included the Atlantic Rain Forest, the Pautenal, and Iquaca Falls in northern Argentina. "It was fantastic! Harpy Eagle was our best bird." She spent all summer writing the history of her Presbyterian Church for their 50th anniversary. Now she is free as a breeze with no projects except registration. "By the time this goes to press, someone will have won!" **Arie Jones Witke**, Princeton, had a nice trip to Europe in the spring. She grandchildren sat and grand-dog sat. "The dog was easier." **Cholly Jones Bendall** has been working at the Visitors Center outside of Danville for five years. She changed jobs and is now a page at the public library in Yanceyville. There she has access to a computer "which makes me feel like I've a toehold into the 21st century. (I would love to know how many of you are "into" computers. I am not. I don't think I could handle one.)" **Marge Sibley Lewis** writes from Austin that her R.B. is healthy again, and they are back to traveling. They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a cruise on the QE-2 and a nostalgic return to England and Wales. **Peg Gordon Grasbeck** from her Golden Gate address writes that her husband is fighting cancer. Their two sons live nearby in Piedmont and Los Altos. Peg has eight grandchildren—ages 1 year to 19. "Playing at grandma these days is a challenge." **Jessie Strickland Elcock** writes from Big Canoe, GA, that she and Walter have just returned from a visit to their son Walter and Laura in their home in Sausalito. She could sit on his deck and watch the sailboats glide by the Golden Gate bridge all day! There are two precious granddaughters living in CA. Back east their artist daughter Jessie and her husband Garrett live in Atlanta. She had another show of her paintings and ceramics in the fall. She has two sons and another Jessie. Their daughter Nancy was there for the art show. She lives in Wilton, NH. Another daughter, Claire Banks their youngest, lives in Decatur. "Her five-year-old, Julia, is the joy of her life and ours too." The Elcocks love living up there in the woods of Big Canoe, GA, with their Scottie, "Hoot." They will fly to San Antonio to visit with Walter's

Navy pilot friends. **Candy Green Satterfield** is proud and pleased with her daughter Caroline who managed to teach full time while getting her master's degree at night, all the time juggling home, husband, children, and a dog. She is now teaching in a junior college in her home state of FL and loving it! Another FL teacher is **Patricia Thompson Bennett**. For three years she has been teaching elderhostel courses through Stetson University, DeLand, FL; literature, shipwrecks, sugar mills, and lighthouses (the latest national obsession). "Since I am a native, they think I have insight into old Florida — challenging students!" Another scholar is **Joan Berend Morse Gordon**. She recently earned her MFA in creative non-fiction from the U. of Pittsburgh. It required a minimum 200-page manuscript!! Her "kids" came from all over for the ceremony. Jonathan, known professionally as "Fuzzie" Morse, came from Hollywood where he composes and performs. Daughter Anne whose field is Special Ed came with her new (and first) husband, David Dickinson, from Boston. Joan is in good health doing yoga and water aerobics, etc. "What more could I ask of 75!" **Betts McKeown Scott** and Don are still living in their Baltimore house for seven months of the year. The remaining months they live in Palm Beach, FL. Their children are scattered from New York to Sweden. **Jane Pickins Church** is still having her adventures. This time not so great. Out in McMundo Sound, her chair which was and remained attached to the floor turned over with her. She broke six ribs in all. "I must say that took some of the joy out of seeing the Emperor Penguins, the last of the family I hadn't seen." **El Myers Cole** had an interesting experience at their Tallahassee home on Lake Jackson. The lake completely dried up, and the local authorities were busy for a year removing the bottom of the lake which they said was contaminated. Their family endured a view of tractors and trucks for a year. The water is now returning, and they have their beautiful view again. This lake acts up like this about every 20 years — nature's way of cleaning? They have a new baby girl which makes two for them. (They got the lake fixed in time for this special arrival.) **Charlolle Sprunt Murchison** writes that this year has been a banner year. Her granddaughter Catherine (SBC) Gornto Freeman and husband produced twin boys to join their sister, two-year old Charlotte Sprunt. Her grandson was recently married to Christine Yeloerton at Spring Island, SC. "We had all been hoping for this to happen!" Her grandson Ned Murchison is on the UNC golf team, and a granddaughter, Anne, is about to graduate from high school. (Sprunt's reaction to all these events: "Whew!!") **Ade Jones Voorhees** celebrated Coert's 80th at Keswick Hall outside of Charlottesville. There were no

"grands" — just grown children! They went to Italy in Sep. The trip was perfect. She talked to **Flo Cameron Crichton** who celebrated John's 80th in Hawaii. (What are our classmates doing associating with these 80-year-old men?) She sees **Evaline Rife Thompson** in Santa Fe. Ade and Flo think the 55th reunion sounds fine—better than the 50th. "It will be a wonderful low-key occasion with no stage performances or songs — just a time to be together and hear about Sweet Briar now and then. Don't miss it." A note from Bea encourages us all to pass the word to your SBC classmates. Encourage them to make a special effort to attend our 55th. "You could talk it up in Christmas notes and during phone calls, etc. Think about it! Three days of reminiscing with good friends and observing what SBC has become today at its 100th birthday. Don't miss it!" The pen is mightier than the telephone, so I will plug reunion to all. I particularly like the low-key emphasis. No more singing up there on the stage and being in the limelight. I would much prefer a nice long talk with each of you — a real catch-up — at one of Sweet Briar's lovely nooks beneath an old oak tree. **Wheats Young Call** continues to rule the tennis courts. She asked me to mention her favorite bumper sticker, "Oh Lord, please help me to be the person my dog thinks I am." **Catherine Smart Grier** has consented to be our Fund Agent. She will also be our Reunion Chairperson. Thank you, Catherine. You will be replacing Carolyn Rudolph Sellers, our lovely Rudy. You will be great. I hope your harp will come into play!

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President: Ginger Barron Summer
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What a delightful surprise to receive a note from **Suzette Morton Sorenson**, self-described as a "non-contributor for so many years", with an enclosure from her Christmas cards—a color photo-collage from their wonderful family trip to Alaska, celebrating Sue and Ed's 50th anniversary. Twelve of them: 3 children, two spouses, and five grandchildren traveled by helicopter, land and sea-plane, river raft, train and ship. They walked on glaciers, panned for gold, and from all their glowing faces it was clear that they were having a joyful time.

Sue and Ed have moved to Naples, FL and her note was forwarded to me in Sanibel, a short distance away, but arrived too late for me to contact her. She says that **Natalie Hall Chisholm** has also moved to Naples.

Mary Kennedy Moore "gave in to a longtime desire to return to Rhode Is. after 26 years in Conn". Now she's

connecting to old friends, happy to have children nearby.

In Jan. **Margaret Munnerlyn Haverly** and her husband went to their condo in Ponte Vedra, FL, near Jacksonville, where they expected to see **Fannie Ulmer Conley**. Munn, Rawson, and their eldest daughter, Peggy, were planning to drive to Charleston, SC, in March for some lectures and fun, as well as lunch with Munn's cousin who runs Middleton Place and who is also a descendant of the Middletons. The Haverlys were also planning a possible trip to Switzerland and Rome in April.

Peggy Robertson Christian's daughter, Robin Ryan, '74, is on the Alumnae Board; husband, "Punky", is involved in many volunteer activities. Traveling, golf, 4 children and 8 grandchildren keep them young and busy.

A card from "**Wash**" **Ferrier Ramsay**, living in her retirement community in Chapel Hill, saying all is well with her, four children and spouses, and 8 grands ages 31 to 8. Last September she went to Paris by herself for "one more look at some old friends".

"Things are about the same," **Evie White Spearman** wrote; both she and Alan are still working. She is planning to visit her child in Gaithersburg, MD in June, with a stop in Richmond to see Peggy Robertson Christian.

Agnes Jefferds Sonntag and Bob celebrated the year 2000 with a Riviera cruise in June and a Greek Isles cruise in Dec. They live in Jacksonville, FL. **Linda McCoy Stewart** "still lives in the swamps of the Shrewsbury River in Rumson NJ", where the new fast ferry service up to NYC has improved mobility. Still a free-lance travel writer, "Tim" says "tennis and the A&P are the extent of my social life."

Kay "Wizzie" Weisiger Osborne stays busy traveling as often as she can, takes workshops and writes personal essays for the local newspaper. She hosts a book study group and loves all of it. A new 4 month-old granddaughter plus another 6 "help to keep life wonderful." Throughout 2000 **Meg Dawson Hellyer's** time was consumed by volunteer work with the Pacific Northwest Writer's Assoc. For the first part of the year she chaired the annual literary competition and was chairman of volunteers at the annual conference in July; following that she took over as chair for the 2001 literary competition, has found it all challenging and fun. Meg says that any writers interested in submitting to the 2002 competition should check into their web site on PNWA.org, and would be welcome.

Sara Ann McMullen Lindsey took her granddaughter to visit **Ann Colston Leonard** in Martha's Vineyard one afternoon last summer. In Sept. she and Doug attended his WWII Fighter Squadron Reunion in FL. For most of the year she has been helping Gunston

Hall Plantation raise 8 million. She is a regent of Gunston Hall, nominated by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America and appointed by the Governor of Virginia. She says, "I'm too busy for an old lady!"

Sue Van Cleve Riehl's 4 granddaughters are the ones making the news now: one, an actuarial in Pittsburgh, one graduating from Syracuse U. in art and her twin a freshman at Stanford. Sue and Bud also have 2 great-grands—"just trying to visit them keeps us busy".

"I still think Colorado is God's country," wrote **Cordelia Lambert Stiles**, although it's still fun to visit family in CA. "Three out of her four live close by, but "not too close". She got her 2nd new hip in Jan., after which she'll be back to climbing mountains, or dancing a jig" **Nancy Scurry Minter**, moving temporarily to Ute Park, NM, later, probably to Taos, NM. She is retiring from both the psychotherapy and the Hands-on healing work she learned at Barbara Brennan's school. One of her daughters lives in Seattle, and Darcy in Bozeman, Montana.

Meredith Slane Finch and her daughter went to Corsica, Sardinia, Elba, Cap Ferrat and Rome; they recommend a fabulous Relais north of Rome, formerly owned by Jean Paul Getty. **Meredith and Pat Hassler Schuber** were together for their birthdays on Dec. 25-26-Meredith is being featured in the Feb. Miniature Collector Magazine because of the miniature rooms she loves to create. Her grandson got into Duke on early decision, and is thrilled.

Since her marriage to Daniel Jones in Nov. '99, **Marna Bromberg Williams** has traveled extensively. In the year 2000 when they were not in sunny Coco beach or New Smyrna, FL, they were either visiting friends and relations from coast to coast or attending elderhostels in FL, the Cook Is., French Polynesia, or traveling to the Danube, Central Europe, or China, Tibet and Polynesia. Then there was the cruise through the Panama Canal to Mexico, Costa Rica and the Bahamas! Did I leave out Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia? Marna and Dan have moved to an assisted living community in Winter Park FL recently.

Our life is pretty much as before—Baltimore/Sanibel/New Hampshire; I am never caught up on anything but still find time for reading, walking, and music. We enjoy visits with family and friends near and far. Our five children, three spouses, and 8 grandchildren ages 9 to 25 are all healthy and busy; one in grad school at UVA, another entering there soon as a freshman, others at NYU, the U of Colorado at Boulder. Great to hear from all of you. May we meet again at SBC.

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President: Fritzie Duncombe Millard
Secretary: Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown
Fund Agent: Mary Fran Brown Ballard

We all join in sending sympathy to the family of **Lindsay Coon Robinson** who lost her brave battle against cancer, on her own terms, last June. She enjoyed our 50th reunion, and we will remember her with laughter whenever we gather. As part of the college's upcoming centennial celebration, there will be a competition for a new school song. Our class musician, **Marie Musgrove McCrone**, who did a very professional presentation on tape along with a written score, has submitted the first entry. Of course, some of us are still partial to the old one, difficult as it may be, so perhaps we'll have two! Who remembers the Sweet Briar hymn? Did you all see or hear **Katie Cox Reynolds'** summing up of our 50 years out? If not, I have a copy; it's a wonderful compilation of what's become of us during the past half century. Quite a few of you sent in your news by email. **June Eager Finney**, for one, says she and Bill had a visit in Tucson with Yorke and **Ann Henderson Bannard**, seeing Ann's latest work and dining on the Bannards' terrace overlooking the Santa Catalina Mountains. June stays busy playing international-style croquet (that's the serious kind!) and teaching watercolor classes. As for Ann, her life is busy, still studying, traveling and creating. She and Yorke now have four grandchildren to spoil and love. **Libby Trueheart Harris**, SBC's outstanding alum of 2000, has enjoyed reflected glory as the mother of Mary Harris, class of '79, cited in this magazine for her recent Johns Hopkins honor. Libby stays busy in Richmond and Irvington, coping with some overgrown walnut tree at last report. **Beth Jansma Gorter** emails from Belgium of her happy memories of reunion. Since then, she's had two spinal operations and is still learning to walk again, which is taxing her patience, she says! I talked with her by phone when we were in Paris last summer, and I must say her voice is still strong and cheerful! **Larry Lawrence Simmons** has still got sand in her shoes. She and Larry take a trip almost every month, she says, and when they are home, well, just picture this: in the heat of a Texas summer day, the Simmons hosted a 100th birthday party for England's Queen Mum, with formal invitations accepted by 80 friends who arrived in garden hats (and gloves, I trust) and tiaras to savor tea and crumpets and other English goodies! **Preston Hill** and **Gene** were feted by their children, grands and many friends at a gala 50th anniversary party at young Gene's beautiful home in Massachusetts. Joining in the toasts

were **Katie Reynolds** and **Phil**, **Bill** and **Judy Baldwin Waxter** and the **Walter Browns**. Katie offered a dramatic reading of a poetic tribute composed by **Larry** for the occasion. A maxi-mini reunion was hosted last fall by **Patty Levy Barnett** at her daughter's beach house at De Bordieu Island, SC. Chatting away, oblivious of a raging tropical storm, were former 2nd floor Grammer neighbors **Betty Wellford Bennett**, **Deborah Carroll Conery**, **Sallie Legg De Martine**, **Carolyn Cannady Evans**, **Mimi Powell Leonard**, **Jackie Jacobs Letters**, **Ann Eustis Weimer** and **Jean Taylor**. During breaks in the storm the group did some sightseeing and low-country dining. Sallie writes that she and Bob went heli-hiking in the Canadian Rockies before landing in NC for the summer. Flip and her sister-in-law had a five-week trip with a group of other RVers through the Maritime Provinces of Canada, including Labrador and especially enjoying Newfoundland where John once worked with the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro had a close encounter of the "bear" kind during a trip to Colorado. When banging and shouting failed, she repelled the large black invader in matador fashion, thrusting a chair, legs rampant, to push him out...that's real Sweet Briar guts and ingenuity! **Caroline Casey** now **Lindemann** has enjoyed the first year of her new marriage, traveling with Bohn from Berlin to Prague and Oberammergau, a motor tour through WI, MN and ND where Bohn was born, then to VT for meeting of the Miniature Book Society (she is one of only two members who have attended all 18 conclaves since the group's founding in 1983!). "Second marriages are great," Caroline concludes!

Carter VanDeventer Slatery and **Herbert** have discovered the great American West, doing the Rockies by train, driving down the Oregon coast and then a stop at Crater Lake Lodge. The Slaterys' daughter is at UVA so they are near SBC quite often. **Judy Baldwin Waxter** and **Bill** saw 10 plays at the Shakespeare Festival in Ontario, featuring **Oscar Wilde**. Later, **Bill** hiked the Atlas Mountains and explored ancient towns in Morocco, while **Judy** tried to tame her garden of wild flowers (native species, she means; her pun!). **Ann Doar Jones** and **Frank** took a 50th anniversary trip to Great Britain, sadly missing reunion. They enjoy life on the "rivah" and winter in Sarasota at Bar Harbors (where the **Lindemanns** also go to escape the snow). **Vidmer Megginson Downing** and two of her three children took a trip to study ancient Roman society and then attended the Oberammergau Passion Play. **Vidmer** will be a great-grandmother this May! (How many of those have we got, I wonder, and how many who have spent fifty years with the same fella?) **Mary Virginia Grigsby**

Mallett is enjoying her new knee, even setting off alarms in airport check points (Stevie has fun doing the same thing! Just another of the joys of replacement parts!) M.V. went to Arizona (but missed the peripatetic Bannards) for the dedication of a building to her Purdue major professor, who recently served as president of the U. of AZ. **Mary Fran Brown Ballard** left her financial duties for a while as she and **Don** observed their 50th anniversary out in Texas with their children, then in NJ and finally in MI where **Mary Fran's** mother, **Marie Brede Brown Zimmerman**, SBC '24, marked her 100th birthday. This nice lady was a major contributor to our courtyard project and I have proposed that she be honored by having a named brick there as a birthday present from our class. Also attending this event were **Patsy Davin Robinson** and **Jim** and **Marilyn Hopkins Bamborough**. **Marilyn** and **Mary Fran** were in each other's weddings, both 50 years ago! **Kay Bryan Edwards** says she is now a single mother of eight and does jaunts with family, which numbers about 20 including spouses and grands, to Figure 8 Beach, NC, for a summer birthday fling and the Cloisters for Thanksgiving. Other than that, **Kay** is mostly housebound, reads a lot and is handing over her many volunteer positions to her children. She invites us to reunite in Greensboro so that she could get a good look at us! Our unanimous choice for another four-year term as president (no uncertainty in that election!), **Fritzie Duncombe Mallard**, loves her new life at the Park Lane in Monterey, CA, but did get to her 55th at New Trier with friends even older than we (in tenure, not age)! Her letter recapping the joys of the 50th will soon be succeeded by another announcing our mid-term mini. Our honorary class member **Walter Brown** (I know that guy!) went to Richmond to play golf with some Yalies, who threw a nice party for him. Among the guests he loved seeing were classmates **Mag Towers Talman** and **Kitty Hart Belew**. **Betsy Dershuck Gay** was so busy playing golf, teaching art classes and having exhibitions, she almost missed the deadline for news. She wants all the reunions we can cook up, especially involving classes and lectures. **Ellen Ramsay Clark** and **Ken** finally, after five years of reconstruction following Hurricane Opal, moved back into their condo in Destin, FL. They managed a gathering of all 21 of their family during Easter, giving the young cousins time to get acquainted. **Goodie Geer DiRaddo** and **Joe** are back in Charleston, happy to see old venues with new eyes. **Goodie's** mother is in assisted living at Bishop Gadsden, approaching her centennial, still active and bright. **Goodie** is the roving photographer there and **Joe** helps out at Holy Trinity Church and others. She is also playing duplicate bridge and mak-

ing her "natural" guardian angels out of rocks and things. A guestroom is available, **Goodie** says, for SBC pals.

As for my own roomies, whom I see every winter on their Florida visit, they also go off in other directions. **Stevie** had her annual two weeks in Canuga last summer and also went to Maine, where she stayed in both Yarmouth and Deer Isle. **Patsy** and **Alice** took another British trip with their Hollins guide in the summer. **Alice** came to NYC in October with a group from the Roanoke Museum of Art. She proposed we go to a World Series game until I told her tickets were priced from \$750 up, if available. She decided to stick with the action at Vero Beach's Dodge Town, where we go to rub shoulders with **Tommy LaSorda** and the players during pre-season practice. **Nancy Jones Worcester** and **John** will observe their 50th anniversary and his 75th birthday next summer by taking a family group of 14 on a cruise to Bermuda. They spent last summer in MI and are now back at home in FL. **Walter** and I have journeyed too, to Denver, Norway, France (an anniversary barge trip in Burgundy avec tamlle), Iceland and several other shorter ones. We'll keep you posted about an on-campus mini reunion, spring or fall of 2002 probably; speak up if you have opinions on this! I urge everyone who has an email address to share it with classmates and the Alumnae Office (alumnae@sbc.edu). The more we have, the easier will be our communication with each other.

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President: Edith Shepherd Brooke
Secretary: Betty (B.G.) Elmore Gilleland
Fund Agent: Mary Dame Stubbs Broad

We wish you all could have been at our 50th Reunion!! It's been fun hearing from you! If you have an e-mail address, please e-mail it to me at BettyGuy@aol.com. For those of you who did not recognize me as Betty, please call me B.G. It makes me feel younger!! Our special thanks to **Lola Steele Shepherd** for being such an excellent Class Secretary for so many years! Her tip for reunions is, "Always bring reading glasses to read name tags". During the summer, **Lola** and **Deedee** rode and camped out with their mares and enjoyed family reunions in Richmond with their children and grandchildren. Their daughter has moved back from France to Seattle. **Lola** and **Deedee** started off the New Year at a costume party dressed as the Lone Ranger and Tonto. She shared first prize with **Peyton Robertson**, husband of **Edie Brooke**. **Edie** wrote a lovely tribute to her roommate, **Kay Lang Gibson**, who died in July. She said, "She had a sense of justice and fair play complemented by a healthy

sense of humor. Kay was a true combination of New York sophistication and Southern charm. It was a delight to be in her warm and gracious home in Savannah." Edie said that last year was taken up with reunions, including SBC and VMI, interspersed with visits with their children and grandchildren in Summit, NJ, Alexandria, VA, and Ft. Collins, CO. They spend summer vacations at their home in Virginia Beach. New Year's Eve dinner was enjoyed at their home by **Lola Steele Shepherd, Frances Martin Lindsay and Jane Lewis Zollicoffer**.

Congratulations to those who have reached the milestone of Golden Wedding Anniversaries! **Dolly Clark Rasmussen** (also one of Kay's room-mates), and John had a gala celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary with a clan gathering at Christmas. Their children entertained them with a hilarious song and dance parody to "Lovely Hula Hands". Also celebrating a golden wedding anniversary were **Betsy Sawyer Hodges** and Allen. The setting was their home in North Carolina and their 5 children and 10 grandchildren planned the celebration, including a video of past family history. They spent the summer and fall in the mountains, returning to Florida in time to vote. Their Gator Snow Ski Club went on its annual trek to Montana and Canada. Their great year was topped off with the birth of their first great grandchild, Amber, and the graduation of son, Paul, from the U of Central Florida with a degree in computer engineering. **Betsy Markgraf Waring** and Jim celebrated their 50th with an "anniversary trip" to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. They enjoy travel, as well as church work and volunteering. Their son and 2 grandsons live in Richmond, VA also. Another son is a Colonel in the Army and stationed in Virginia after many years in Europe. Their daughter lives in Charlotte where she is a Ph.D psychologist in private practice and their granddaughter is in her first year at UVA. **Susan Tucker Yankee** had a busy year 2000 including celebrating their 50th anniversary at the Signal Mountain Country Club, TN. All but one member of the original wedding party attended! She and her husband traveled to Texas to visit their son and Susan's sister and later had a great respite week in Montana visiting friends. Thanksgiving at home was enlivened with their "ball of fire" 5 year old granddaughter, Ariel. They welcomed in the New Year sipping champagne near the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin with fireworks going off around them! Berlin was also the destination of **Bonnie Loyd Crane**. She spent a week with her daughter, Melinda, and grandchildren who live there. She had just celebrated her 70th birthday with her family in Tuscany.. Bonnie visits her 97 year old mother in Texas often and future plans include a trip to Russia. Other travelers to Germany

were **Jean Probeck Wiant** and Rich who saw the Passion Play in Oberammergau. Afterwards, they cruised the Danube on a river boat to Budapest. Since Rich is recovering from a blood clot in his leg, they are homebound awhile. **Beverly Benson Seamans** missed reunion because they were attending the Passion Play also. In August they took their enthusiastic 13 year old grandson to France and Switzerland. A trip through the Panama Canal was a highlight of their travels. Bev is busy with her sculpture projects and will soon start a big commission for the new Marblehead High School. It is the Drummer Boy from Willard's painting of the "Spirit of '76". Our classmates who attended the 45th reunion were tremendously impressed by the show of Bev's sculptures.

Many classmates are world travelers. **Pat Halloran Salvadori** and Mario had a marvelous trip to Provence, France in September, staying in a Bed and Breakfast in a 16th century stone village among the vineyards. Of course, they went to Italy—Como and Pisa. Mario continued to Rome and London to visit his brothers. Upcoming plans include Key West. In November Pat talked to **Anne Peyton Cooper** who was leaving for a cruise from Spain to London. **Elsie Landram Layton** enjoyed a trip with a SBC group to Vienna last spring. **Mary Dame Stubbs Broad** and Doug have combined traveling and grandchildren, taking their off-springs on a boat trip in July. In November they had fun touring Portugal and Spain. **Pat Dwens Purvis** is also enjoying activities with grandchildren. They have a fishing and hunting place on The Brozos River and their grands love it! She reports that Ft. Worth had its first tornado last spring and many trees were lost. Their summer plans include travel with the grandchildren back to the countryside of England and Wales. This will be their 22nd trip!!! (Can anyone top this?) Maybe **Peachey Lillard Manning** can! She says she is a "traveling fool" these days—while she can still do it! She traveled down the Po in Italy on a riverboat and then on to Florence. In November she spent 3 weeks in Florida and for Christmas took her tribe of 14 to Jamaica. Her next holiday was to Mexico for 2 weeks. She is enjoying Naples (Florida!) until late March busy kayaking, fishing and playing tennis. As she says, "I am lucky!" Guy and I love to travel and in July we toured the backroads of Portugal with our older daughter, Gay, stopping in Brussels for a "chocolate fix" on the way home. We cancelled our trip to the Middle East in October due to Guy's health. He's fine now and we leave in March, visiting friends from New Zealand in Oman and then joining a small group to visit Jordan and Syria.

Many classmates give high priority to spending time with their children and grandchildren. Among them are

Fan Lewis Jackson and husband who left reunion early to visit their daughter in Manassas, VA. **Peter Thompson Baker** in Boca Raton, FL retired from Merrill Lynch as a Vice President and Senior Financial Consultant and finally has time to visit her 5 children and 5 grandchildren. She and her husband are looking forward to traveling to exotic spots! **Ackie Easter Henderson** who is "alive and kicking in Charlottesville" (but not riding or carriage driving anymore), doesn't have to travel to visit family. She is surrounded by her family—son, grandson, daughter and her 2 sons. Her oldest grandson just returned from Scotland. She sums it up by saying she is lucky to have a large house! An e-mail from **Katherine (Kata) Edwards Crain** says her news is simple — no grand trips or special honors, but they love seeing their children and grandchildren, a 7 year old boy, a 4 year old girl and a new baby boy.. They cover the Texas triangle (Longview, Dallas and Houston). **Joan Teetor Marden**, who lives in Tuscon, AZ, sent news of her daughter, Emily Saxe, along with 3 CD's she has made. Emily is married and lived in Bangkok, Thailand, but moved recently to San Francisco. She is an accomplished vocalist and most attractive. During January and February she did a concert tour (with her husband, two young sons, and a nanny) to Bangkok, the Sydney Opera House, Melbourne and Singapore. Very exciting!! Joan and Steve lead busy lives traveling from the Panama Canal to Bangkok and trips to visit children and grandchildren in New York and San Francisco. **Susan Tucker Yankee, Anne McNeer Blanken, and Lola Steele Shepherd** met at W&L in Lexington in June for a week of Alumni College. They had a lovely dinner prepared by **Lou Moore**. Lou wrote that she enjoyed a trip with old friends to New Mexico and California in July. A stay at the beach in October ended her travels for awhile. She is busy on the search committee for a new rector for the Episcopal church. **Anne McNeer Blanken, Anne Peyton Cooper**, and I had a mini-reunion last June for lunch at Annie P's club in Summit, NJ. Of course, we talked about our 50th! Anne McN. took a W&L trip to France in October and Ann Mountcastle ('51) was in the group. The next month she had a delightful visit with **Jo Gulick Grant** in Lyme, NH. Jo writes that she had a busy summer with hordes of family visiting for almost a month. Her toast is: "Here's to Reunion '05!" Anne Peyton expresses their pleasure in being back in their island home for the winter in Eleuthera, Bahamas, especially since they just managed to leave NJ a day before the biggest snowstorm of the season hit. She reports that Eleuthera has almost completely recovered from last year's monster hurricane Floyd and that the Atlantic no longer looks like a war zone! Verifying the

snowfall in Summit, NJ. **Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller**, who was visiting her daughter, looked out the window and saw Annie P's snow-covered backyard next door. Cora Jane's other daughter lives near **Alicia Iznaga Mazzeo** in Boca Raton, FL. She says that Alicia's health continues to improve with the help of her wonderful family. "Snowbird", **Debby Freeman Cooper** left lots of snow up north to return to Vero Beach. Their oldest daughter, Sally, is being married again in a small family ceremony in Atlanta in March. Her oldest child, who is Debby's oldest grandchild, is a freshman at Cornell majoring in engineering. **Dotsey Wood Letts** returns often to Scotland and adored another visit to Italy after last being there in 1952. **Ginger Luscombe Rogers and Judy Campbell** were arriving in Palm Beach for their annual mini-reunion. Dotsey's daughter, Sophy, is a public defender in the appeals division in Palm Beach. Dotsey keeps herself busy gardening, saving animals, playing tennis and bridge, and being a frustrated painter. A Virginia transfer to Florida, **Ann Preston (Presto) Vick**, has reached the stage where "it seems like all I do is go to doctors and get prescriptions filled!" She had a pacemaker implant. Her twin sons are 29. Tal lives in Jacksonville, FL and John in Phoenix, AZ. Neither of them is married, so no grandchildren are in the picture yet.

Normally deaths appear in another section of the Alumnae News, but some of us thought you would like to know about **Jody Livingston McFall** from Jacksonville, FL, who died in July, 1999. Her daughter, Gardner, earned a Ph.D in English and is a teacher and writer in NYC. She writes under her maiden name. Viking has published her children's books and she has a book of poetry being published soon. Maybe some of you would like to look for her books.

A native Floridian, **Nell Greening Keen**, has moved from Tampa to Anna Maria Island on the Gulf of Mexico. Nell is excited about the recent birth of her first grandchild, a boy, in West Palm Beach. Nell's other son and our daughter are both attorneys and work in the same building in WPB, but haven't met each other yet! In August **Nancy Storey White** and I enjoyed lunch with Nell in Sarasota. Recently, Nancy moved from her home to a retirement home in Sarasota. Our other roommates at SBC were **Merry Moore Lynn** and **Diana Dent**. We can't convince either one of them to come to Florida! For years Diana has done volunteer tutoring of Spanish-speaking children and adults. Now she is volunteering in a new program, "Conversation Partners," at Norwalk Community College. She will be working with students from Russia, Japan and the Dominican Republic. Her enthusiasm is contagious! A long letter from Merry with news that she is still

air shows and was inducted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame last fall. It seems the Class of '53 still has its eye on the sky. **Isabel Grayson Parish** and **Hav** still fly themselves to all sorts of fun places: music workshops in VT and FL (Hav is a bassoonist as well as a doctor); and meetings in Utah, MI, Memphis, FL and New Orleans. The last stop was for the famed Jazz festival, and a very successful art exhibit by their Episcopal priest son. Hav continues to be a "Substitute Doctor", mostly in NC this past year.

Further afield went **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** and **Garnett**. Four weeks in Barcelona visiting their daughter and her husband who were on sabbatical from the Taft School; six weeks in London and the Scottish Highlands; and a visit to their son in LA. Eleanor was also in Guatemala for a week. Their daughter, **Stuart**, has just adopted a little boy from there. **Stuart** is now the representative for the Teddy Bear Adoption Agency in the beautiful, but poor, country. **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and **Jack** travel by car, boat and plane. They sailed the east coast, visited their four grandchildren in Jacksonville, and even ran into **Ginger Timmons** **Ludwick** and **Dave** at the American Express Office in London. **Kirk** and **Katty Turner Mears** serve together on the Restoration Comm. of the Garden Club of VA. **Ginger** and **Dave** are planning a trip to Prague, Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo in summer 2001. **Ginger** is working hard on restoring the historic National Cemetery in LA (dubbed "The Arlington of the West") and keeping the land away from developers. She sent a wonderful picture of their first grandchild, **Alexander David**, born to daughter **Leslie** ('80) last July. **Nan O'Keefe** spent three glorious weeks in Tuscany last May and plans to go to Sicily this spring. She also had a great visit with **Cinnie Moorhead McNair** in San Antonio. **Cinnie** and **Norm** welcomed a great grandson in Dec. **Norm** continues part time as business manager of the Ecumenical Center for Religion and Health, and **Cinnie** keeps busy with volunteer work. **Mary Kimball Grier** and **Bas** attended **Nancy McDonald's** birthday party given by Floridians **Eleanor** and **Garnett Ashby** at their daughter's home in Watertown, CT. Great fun. **Joan Arey Harrison** went to Paris last year and has Disneyworld in her sights for 2001. **Liz Gibson Brooke's** state-side travels this year included visits with **Betty Bechlen Stone**, **Dolly Wallace McLaughlin**, **Ginger Timmons** **Ludwick**, and **Janie Piper Meredith**. The years pass, but the friendships remain. **Anne Joyce Wyman** and **Joseph** became first time grandparents when their daughter, **Anneke**, had a son in London 3 weeks early. **Anne** played cook and laundress until the scheduled arrival of the baby nurse. Other new arrivals were: a granddaughter for **Joan Harrison** and grandsons for **Liz Brooks**,

Mary Grier, and **Caroline Miller Ewing**. Both **Caroline** and **Janie Dawson Mudwilder** mentioned the huge amount of snow in Louisville this winter. **Caroline** said it reminded her of some of those gorgeous snows we experienced while at SBC. Remember sliding down the dell at night on trays from the refectory?

Kay Vennard LeBlanc "minded" grandchildren in Toronto and Boulder while their parents traveled. **Kay** and **Joe** went to Spain in May. **Kay** still does SAT and ACT tutoring plus working with the Historical Society and an art gallery in Kansas City. **Shirley Rankin Dumesnil** urges us all to visit Liberty Hall Historic Site in Frankfort, KY built by one of Kentucky's first senators and named after his alma mater, now W&L. This and 5 grandchildren keep **Shirley** busy. In Houston **Gloria Rawls Aske** continues to munch lunch often with **Nan O'Keefe**. **Nancy McGinnis Whitehead** moved to a house in the NC mountains. There are two waterfalls on the property and she is enjoying the birds, woods, and peaceful atmosphere. **Dale Hutter Harris** is still "judging" in Lynchburg. **Ted** is more involved than ever in his 500 year Forest Group. They had a very successful international conference at SBC in May 2000. **Jane Perry Liles** and **George** are busy with family and activities in Concord, NC, where **George** continues to serve as mayor. They'll host a '53 mini-reunion at Grandfather Mountain in May. **Jo Wells Rodgers** and **Tom** have moved to the Hallmark in Houston. **Anne Elliott Caskie** and **Challon** are among the lucky ones who have grandchildren living nearby. **Anne** and **Kitty Guerrant Fields** had a great time at the SB day luncheon in Richmond in Dec. It's hard to catch **Kitty** at home. Since last report she has been to Newport, RI for the wedding of **Joan Brophy Tyree's** son, **John**; Harbor Springs and Mackinac Island MI; Paris; a delightfully indulgent stay at a spa in Texas; and numerous visits back and forth with daughter, **Fran**, and family. **Maggie Graves McClung** and **Dave** happily divide their time between **Smith Mt. Lake** and **Salem, VA**. **June Arata Pickett** and **Bob** played host to **Connie Werley Wakelee** and **Dave** in Vero Beach in March, a nice change for **Connie** and **Dave** after the COLD Conn. Winter. Both the **Picketts** and the **Wakelees** now have children living in Denver. **Edie Norman Wombwell** and **George** have moved into their new house in Carbondale, CO where they spend Jan-March and June-Oct. They return to Louisville for a "grandchildren fix". **Kim Green Stone** and **John** added to their ranch house in NV so they now have more room for children and grandchildren to visit. **Kim** is President of their Arabian Sport Horse Organization, an enjoyable but time consuming job. The trout pond they built on the ranch attracts fishermen

and all kinds of wild birds. **Katzy Bailey Nager** and **C.J.** spent the holidays on Long Boat Key FL. **Francie** ('80), **David** and I joined them for a delicious Christmas dinner. Back home in Lake Wylie **Katzy** is heading up the house tour for the 2nd year and **C.J.** is Pres. of The Lions Club.

C.J. has filled me in on our campaign for the class of '53 Gate Fund. As you recall, our beautiful wrought iron gates given to the college at our 10th reunion must be taken down when Route #29 is moved. They will be put back up when the new entrance is established. This takes money. We are doing very well. We have met the generous challenge grant of **Joan Brophy Tyree's** sons for \$30,000, but we still have room for more donors. So far 36 classmates have contributed. We would love to raise the percentage, so keep us in mind. Wouldn't it be wonderful if they were in place for our 50th reunion? What a great gate warming we could have!

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President: Ruth Frye Deaton
Secretary: Bruce Watts Krucke
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Isn't this wonderful—getting news from last Christmas before next Christmas! It will be brief—just gleanings from the faithful few who still send me cards—hint, hint. One of the best parts is that there is no word limit (they may be sorry they told me that) so I can tell about families now too. Here is a voice from the past: **Logan Bentley Lessona** writes: "I'm writing you from Tuscany, and have to connect to Rome to get my mail so will be quick. I am actually coming to the US, first time since 1997 (didn't want to leave my dogs) on the Seabourn Sun which sails from Civitavecchia (near Rome) March 31... I am so very excited. I'll visit friends and when I find out when the Reunion is maybe even stop by SBC before heading west to Aspen where my bestest friend lives on a ranch with lots of dogs and animals. She is finishing a new house with 7 guest rooms—mine is already being stocked with books and catalogs... She is also remodeling a house in Beverly Hills so we will be going back and forth. I'm expecting to head back to Italy in early October. Oh yes, I am FINALLY a grandmother, but I'm afraid I don't cut the mustard where Italian grannies are concerned. My daughter is upset that I don't take the baby (Alexandra) to the park every day but I'm too busy running my websites: made-in-Italy.com and the new one, a guide in English to Italian web sites which is ciao-Italy.com" **Logan's** sites are: <http://made-in-italy.com> and <http://ciao-italy.com> I'd love to see the URLs for other sites of our class members. I'll go first:

www.ivenue.com/toogoodoostudios
Send me yours at bkucke@awod.com

Anne Thomas and **Tom Donohue** had a trip in 2000 to visit her brother's new home/ranch on fifty acres in Arroyo Grande, CA. They took a side trip to Lake Tahoe too.

Caroline "Kobo" Chobot and **Thom Garner** have been back in TN a year now. Their travels included NC, VA, and MD as well as a rough trip on the QE II in June and another trip to London in September during which **Thom** spent ten days in bed with food poisoning. They babysit the grands, **Thomas IV** and **Clara** (new) and also **Parker** and **Caroline** often.

Meri Hodges Major survived the Christmas house tours in Charles City and is preparing for the Spring ones as I write. She and **Kitty Guerrant Fields**, SBC '53, toured the Hudson Valley with the VA Museum. **St. Catherine's** had a picnic luncheon party for their 50th reunion class at **Meri's** house so there were classmates there—**Margie Morris Powell** and **Shirley Poulson Broyles**. **Mary Jane Roos Fenn** and **Dick** took **Meri** and **Faith Rahmer Croker** for a sail on their **Pandora II**. **Meri**, her daughter, **Louise**, and her daughters had their annual week at the Old Cavalier in Virginia Beach, and **Meri** and **Louise** also went to Bermuda in August. These trips were to recover from Spring tours and to rest up for Autumn tours—five hundred came through on one day.

Cynthia Sinclair and **Bill Rutherford** spent Christmas in NC with their sons and families. She is still teaching at Newman University and **Bill** is busier than ever crafting his garden bells, which appear in two national catalogs. They spent two weeks in England and Wales and will go again this summer. Before her 50th high school reunion in Highland Park, IL, they spent a week with friends in WI. **Joan Potter Bickel's** 50th HS reunion included a dinner for 32 at her house which came off without a hitch. She and **Henry** spent five weeks in FL and **Sally Bumbaugh** joined them for a week. They liked their new wider house boat so much that they got an even wider one and at Christmas time still had both and were anxious to sell one. The end of an era—they have decided that 2000 was the last of their annual before Christmas eggnog parties. I don't see how they do anything considering they are up at 5:00 AM twice a week for the Muscular Dystrophy aqua-aerobics.

Jerry Driesbach Ludeke continues to fly all over the place, except she often goes by train, bus, car and foot. She takes care of her grandchildren at the drop of a hat and dashed to Fort Wayne to take her mother (94) to a funeral, took an Elderhostel course there on genealogy, and then went there for Christmas too. In July she and son, **Kevin**, and family climbed Half Dome in Yosemite—she loved the

admiring comments from the younger climbers. Jerry also attended two conferences of the California Historical Societies and then had her dream trip to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau, followed by the Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany.

Dallas "Dilly" Johnson Jones sent wonderful pictures of her grandchildren—the two oldest boys playing baseball, little Lucia in a ballet costume and the three year old boy triplets in summer outfits. They are a great looking bunch. **Lynn Carlton** and **Mike McCaffree** are as busy as ever. He is nearly full time at the Center for Naval Analyses and Lynn added lots of library volunteering to all her church work. To get away from winter they went to their time share in Orlando. Their granddaughter, Emily, attended the Corcoran School of Art in the summer preparing a portfolio for college. In August they got away from the summer by going to their time share at Massanutten Mountain. They too went to the Passion Play and were so very moved and impressed with the production. After that they toured all over Bavaria and Austria. They had a couple of western trips thrown in there before Lynn had to prepare to play bells at the Christmas Eve service.

Our years begin to sound the same....went to Africa, did art shows....same ol', same ol'. Bill, our granddaughter, Lauren, and I also had a week with my sister, Virginia, SBC '44, and her family at Topsail Beach, NC, and we'll do that and Africa again this year along with a river cruise from Amsterdam to Vienna. I spent a great deal of time building my website—an old dog can learn new tricks. I get to write more notes just before August first, so I hope to hear from many of you for inclusion in that. Remember you can talk about children and grandchildren now too. Thanks for all your support.

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President: Audrey Stoddard and Mary Amanda McThenia Iodice
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Reunion was wonderful. We had a great time seeing each other and talking non-stop. As **Amanda McThenia Iodice** put it, "We're in pretty good shape for the shape we are in"! Our most exciting class news is that **Pam Compton Ware** is to be married to Joe Knox. Pam had lunch with **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** and George in Oravito, Italy. **Petsy Gautier Mezey** and **Cliff** were also in Italy this year, as well as London and Nova Scotia. Other Italian travelers were **Lydia Plamp Mower** and **Gene Smith Smith** who were planning to go on the SBC trip to Tuscany. Lydia

and Ted had an earlier trip to Switzerland and France. Lydia said it was wonderful to finally see a gothic cathedral that she spent a whole semester studying with Miss Barton! **Anne Williams Manchester**, **Shirley Sutfill Cooper**, and **Nancy Douthat Goss**—with husbands—were also planning a trip to Tuscany, where they rented a villa together in Nov. Anne and Eli also spent 3 weeks in Scandinavia in June and July. **Patsy Smith Ticer** and Jack were in Belgium and Holland, as were **Gail Davidson Bazarre** and John. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and **Hudnall** traveled to France. **Didi Stoddard** had an 8 day walking tour in Ireland. **Joan Kells Cook** took several trips: Scotland and England, Spain and Portugal, Hawaii, and Mexico.

Catherine Cage Bruns was also in Mexico. She ran into a church festival in Huitzilán and said it was absolutely wonderful. **Mitzi Streit Halla** and **Roman** visited their son in Saco, Mexico, and also spent time in Montreal and Quebec. Mitzi, of course, is in the travel business, so that's part of her life. She took a group on an Alaskan cruise in August. In April she took a group from the American Cathedral in Paris to Syria and then spent a week in Paris. She and Roman were taking their sons and wives to Prague for Christmas. **Phyllis Herndon Brissenden** and **Phyllis Joyner** probably had the most exotic trips. Phyllis Herndon Brissenden was in New Zealand's sub-Antarctic islands in Feb. Both Phyllises also spent time in India. **Marty Hedeman Buckingham** and **Dick** spent 2 weeks in Glacier National Park and Banff, Lake Louise, and Jasper.

Peggy West Valentine and **Henry** were in ME and VT. **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** had a short visit with **Chase Lane Bruns** in ME and a nice reunion with **Ann Jeffers Hogarty** in MA. **Renis Siner Paton** summers in a wonderful vacation house in Rehoboth Beach, DE. **Dede Harrison Austin** and **Larry** spend lots of time in Highlands, NC where they are doing over an old mountain cottage. **Camille Williams Yow** spent a week in Chautauqua, NY in Aug. She wrote that she was very grateful for her liberal arts education which helped her enjoy all the cultural events at Chautauqua. **Liz Rector Keener** wrote of several trips: FL, CA, ME, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia. Every year Liz goes to a Liturgical Arts Conference in Kanuga, NC. **Ruth Campbell VanDerpoel** had 2 lovely trips: Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion in Aug, and Savannah, Charleston, and Hilton Head in April. **Jane Dildy Williams** and **Mac** spent 10 days on a small cruise ship on Chesapeake Bay. They went to all kinds of "out-of-the-way" places and had a wonderful time. **Patsy Smith Ticer** spent 2 weeks in Aug. on Shelter Island, near Long Island. **Gail Davidson Bazarre** and John visited one daughter in CA in Sept. and the other in IL over

Thanksgiving. I went back to SBC again in Sept. and then spent a couple of days with **Ginger Chamblin Greene** and Art. Lydia visited **Bar Plamp Hunt** in CA in Sept. and reports that George is now doing fine. Besides travel, the most important, exciting, and enjoyable subject that everyone wrote about was grandchildren. **Camille Williams Yow** and **Petsy Gautier Mezey** lead the way with 12 each. They are followed closely by **Peggy West Valentine** who has 10. **Sue Lawton Mobley**, **Gail Davidson Bazarre**, **Susanne Bernard Odence**, **Patty McClay Boggs**, **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell**, **Anne Williams Manchester**, and **Amanda McThenia Iodice** all said what joy it is to have (at least some of) their grandchildren close by. **Joan Kells Cook**, **Honey Addington Passano**, **Renis Siner Paton**, **Patty McClay Boggs**, and **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** all reported the births of new grandchildren. Congratulations all around! **Patty McClay Boggs** and **Marty Hedeman Buckingham** both reported what fun it was to be neighbors. They see each other often. **Peggy West Valentine** is on the board of Children's Hospital in Richmond, VA. **Renis Siner Paton** is still doing estate sales. **Ginger Chamblin Greene** is reading science books for Recording for the Blind, and I am still tutoring illiterate adults. **Tinker Beard** wrote of being the "Reunion Chair" for her 50th in prep school. **Patsy Smith Ticer**, as VA State Senator, is our most famous classmate. **Phyllis Joyner** has moved her painting studio to an artist's colony in Brooklyn, NY.

She loves the exciting atmosphere and has recently acted in a play for the first time in her life! And, of course, **Jane Feltus Welch** is still our star, performing in Buffalo, NY in Oct. and in Denver, CO in March. Finally, Congratulations to all of us. We had our best fund raising ever this year!

1956

President: Nancie Howe Entenmann
Secretaries: Meredith Smythe Grider, Macie Clay Nichols
Fund Agent: Janet Monroe Schumann

"I hope everyone is as happy as we are," writes **Parkie Carroll Mulholland** and their life does seem blissful. They have moved from their home of 35 years to a townhouse and seem to be on the road or on the golf course since settling in. They are at their condo in Ft. Myers from Jan-April and now have more time for the "mountain spot in Virginia." **Parkie** is still playing lots of golf and judging for garden clubs and, like the rest of us, is trying to conquer the computer. Obviously the changes in the Mulholland life style are very satisfying. A mystery for all you 56ers: **who is this?** It's not signed and your only clue is that the card is stamped from

Atlanta. To quote: "Not much news except that Charlie (and I) have a farm an hour from home in a little town, Roscoe, above Newnan on the banks of the Chattahoochee. He raises hay, and we have a small fishing lake and horses. Lots of fun for all the family—the six grandchildren enjoy it almost as much as Charlie does." Regis awaits your answer. **Norma Davis Owen** and **Penn** gathered the family in a house they rented in Charlevoix, Michigan last summer and did not come to Torch Lake, 30 miles south, to see me, Meredith. Please do come next time. Last April they journeyed to Egypt, an enlightening and exhilarating experience. August found them on a cruise from Venice into the Mediterranean, ending in Barcelona where they spent time with Rob Nichols, Macie's son, and a "charming guy." And Norma says she is not a very newsworthy person!!! Ha! Another happy opening line: "Life is pretty wonderful here in Santa Barbara." **Debbie Brown Stalker** and **Peter** are both active volunteers in their community and "are very energized by the new faces from around the globe." Currently they are working to create a new venue and facility for the equity theatre but the result will be years down the road. They had a family reunion of 18 (10 grandchildren) at Sea Island, GA and spent two weeks in residence in Paris. They are on the way to Argentina and Chile and then will spend 2 to 3 months at their New York apartment near the east coast children and the theatres. **Rose Montgomery Johnston** is still in Memphis working as a psychologist in private practice. She and Tom have 10 grandchildren scattered from Montana to the Carolinas. Tom has had to retire from the legal profession due to a long-standing infection following several hip replacements. Rose has been on two walking trips in Europe and is planning one in Ireland in the fall. Sounds exciting! **Jeannie Applequist** writes from Peaceful Valley Colorado that "it's blizzarding sideways" and isn't that the most descriptive phrase! Bear, elk, mountain lions and deer have kept her company throughout the fall and winter and the trees are sleeping peacefully awaiting the start of spring harvesting, March 1st, of evergreens, aspens and cottonwoods growing on their tree farm (Trollhager Tree Ranch). It all sounds so... well, peaceful... and outdoorsy. Pretty wonderful! **Ann Stevens Allen** has been travelling since we heard from her last. She and her son Scott went to Spain and Italy in October and she and her sister Lee have just returned from a tour to South Africa. It was a wonderful trip and along with seeing Victoria Falls they rode an elephant out in the bush looking for game. She says the scenic beauty of the southern coast is just outstanding. Both **Ann Allen** and **Beth Forbes Rayburn** mentioned that **Bet** dropped by Tryon and picked up

"Pete," a pretty little Haflinger horse that Ann had found for the Rayburn's farm. It came with a cart and a wagonette and now Bet is busy with horses, dogs, grandchildren and timber. She says Ann told her this would be fun!!! Bet did visit her daughter in Paris this summer and that was fun! **Nancie Howe Entemann** and husband Dick have led a busy life with travels to Portugal and visits to children in El Paso and Madison, WI. They are doing volunteer work for their church, Colonial Dames, Dick's semi-professional Chorale, Maumee Valley G. S. Council disability-sensitivity project with their church Sunday School class, and the planning of the 45th SBC reunion. One thing we have learned throughout the ten years of writing class notes is that Nancie is one active lady! **Janet Monroe Schumann** is still working full time as Director of Development for the school of engineering at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Her travels have taken her to New York, New Jersey, Colorado, Idaho, Florida and that is to name a few! The grandchildren, 4 & 2, and parents have visited from Barbados where they are still living and that has been "lovely and hectic." **Helen Turner Murphy** writes that she is missing Ella Prince and has been deeply affected by her death. "She was truly unique and beloved by all who had the good fortune to know her." Yes, well said and none will forget her. Tayloe retired from the legislature last year but is still practicing law. Helen has just finished being senior warden for two years at her church and six years on the board of the Virginia Historical Society. She remains active with the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, the Virginia chapter of the Nature Conservancy and the Garden Club of Virginia. As well as running 3 miles every morning, sailing, playing tennis and working in the yard. "Life is good and I am blessed." **Jane Black Clark** had a recurrence of cancer last year and had surgery and radiation, but "I'm recovering well." You go girl! She and David had a wonderful Caribbean cruise New Year's week with their girls and their families. That meant a total of 16; 9 are grandchildren and two of these are rising seniors in high school. That is really hard to believe... time does fly! "We are making the most of each day," says **Kay Smith Schauer** as they hop in their RV and travel, doing some Elderhostels and treasuring each day they can see their three grandchildren in Franklin, MA. From the Alumnae Office at SBC we have received an article about the McPhee sisters, daughters of **Pryde Brown**, and the book three of them have written titled: "Girls: Ordinary Girls and their Extraordinary Pursuits." These women have been very much inspired by their mother and Pryde has been successful at motherhood as well as photography. Having heard the sisters interviewed on

PBS, and having raised three girls, I am very much interested in their findings and think it's fascinating that these women, raised in the 60s and 70s, have pursued this subject. There is a huge post office stamp in the middle of the card from **Nancy Ettinger Minor** and there is a lot written that can't be read. However, it seems that she and Raleigh took a 12,000-mile driving trip through the west together and visited all the national parks—the adventure inspired by a wedding they were attending in Sedona, AZ. It looks like they saw the entire country west of the Mississippi and that it was wonderful. I think I can read that upon return they discovered that Raleigh's cancer has reoccurred, but except for fatigue, he looks good and feels great and they are off to the islands and keys of Florida for the rest of winter. The post office occasionally does not make it easy to read these cards...and we won't mention some of the handwriting!!! **Evy Christian Gregory** has moved to Madison, NJ, closer to her job in Newark and to Juilliard where she attends the Evening School. She will travel in June to Vienna and Salzburg; she enjoys close contact with her niece, daughter of sister Ceci. **Leona Chang Crozier** has 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters ages 3-9. Her 89-year old father recuperated from a broken hip with her and brother Hank relocated from NY to CA nearby. The family gathers annually at Lake Tahoe. The wedding of daughter, Martha, will keep **Joyce Lenz Young** from reunion. Bride and groom met in Antarctica where she was doing research... wonder what her subject was? Hugh has retired and they enjoy 2 grandsons under 2, children of son Hugh III; son Mark is in corporate finance. She reports that **Brucie Bordley Gibbs** has built a beautiful home. **Mary Ann Quarngesser Willingham** married Jim in November at a small family wedding in Orlando. They will divide time between Florida in cold weather and NC mostly. They have a tribe now—she has 2 each grandchildren and he has 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. The latest arrival is to her youngest, Suzie and Brooks Amiot. She plans to be at SBC in May. From England, news comes from **Ann Train Ross**, who is also coming to reunion in May. Both of them are retired, doing volunteer work and grandparenting 5 boys and 1 girl. Son Richard lives in San Francisco and they came over. The Train clan reunited in Scotland in August and then took a trip to Menorca for some sunshine. Another reunion attendee will be **Joan Broman Wright**, now living in Charlottesville where the family gathered for Christmas for the first time. Travels to a river cruise on the St. Lawrence, New England for fall color and a Princeton classmates' gathering on the Cape kept their bags packed. **Dr. Harriet Cooper** is international! Her writing has led to conferences where

she has presented papers on 20th century writers in Worcester, MA, Brazil, Canterbury, England, and Berlin. **Joan Fisch** and Jim Gallivan have taken up fly fishing, traveled to Argentina and will return in Feb. Their 5 grandchildren – 3 in Dallas and 2 in Nashville – are delights! They will be attending Jim's W&L reunion and will miss ours. Our Junior transfer, **Denny Henkel**, finished at U. of Denver, married Steve and skied on! They sailed their new boat from San Diego home to Seattle. She remembers roommates **Joyce Lenz** and **Jolly Urner** fondly from days in Boxwood. **Ann Greer Adams** sent news of life with retired husband, six grandchildren, and travels to Provence on a Sweet Briar College trip. She still plays piano, performs and played a benefit for Tuberosus Sclerosis which raised \$23,000 for the group; her 5-year old grandson was born with the disease. She knows Miss Marik would be proud! There are other trips on the schedule: Normandy, England, and Italy. Twice a year, she comes to Louisville for Presbyterian Seminary Board weekends and Macie joins her there for a good catch-up. **Nancy Ettinger** and Raleigh Minor have moved back to The Landings from Jacksonville, play lots of golf, travel to Virginia, her home, on up northeast with stops in NYC for city pleasures. The toll was bypass surgery for Raleigh followed by recovery time in the NC mountains. They are healthy now and enjoy church and volunteer work with Hospice and Kiwanis. The Clintons, **Barbara Darnell** and Dan, have had interesting trips in his capacity as President Elect of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Barbara's interest in genealogy has taken them to sites in NC where ancestors fed George Washington breakfast on his tour of the South after his election. She sings with her church and keeps up with "Queenie," her 90-year old mother. "The **Nichols** group is still scattered, but we travel a lot between locations—St. Pete, Barcelona, and Louisville. Robert and I are the oldest non-retired contemporaries, but we still sell bonds and houses. Had a great Crystal Cruise last fall around the Mediterranean and saw places Miss Barton introduced me to in Art History... a thrill! This is our year for Provence in June again, the 8th time in the same wonderful house. If you are going to be in the area, let me know. I don't plan on being at reunion – but live it up, remember those missed ones and treasure times gone by and those right now." From **Meredith Smythe Grider**: "I have been blessed with in-vitro twin grandchildren born to Lisa my middle daughter; a boy named Grider and a girl, Clara Stewart. Now I am going to have two more in-vitro twins in August, if all goes well, children of oldest daughter Gaines. Isn't it amazing what they can do these days and how wonderful it is that this tech-

nique is available for these girls who have waited so long to have children. So I am suddenly going from none to a plethora of grandchildren! I tell you they can be exhausting! I am recovering from the loss of my best friend and going forward in life, travelling and enjoying my children who have been wonderful to me. I still have my store in Michigan and that has kept me very busy. Have just returned from a cruise to Turkey and Greece with youngest daughter, Meredith, and am off to Sanibel. Haven't made any life changing decisions yet so nothing more to report except that I will be unable to be there for reunion, as I have to open up the store in May. This makes me unhappy but I promise you that I will be there for the 50th. I doubt I have the energy to keep the store open much longer...getting older now!" As for your secretaries, we have had a good time keeping up with you and your activities and it will be a lot more fun to write this in the future without limitation on the number of words to be used. But, a reminder to those of you kind enough to send in your cards: it is often hard to read your handwriting and there have been occasions when we cannot decipher the sentence. Plus we have had people not sign their names, which is even more frustrating. It is so nice to have heard from those of you who have been faithful but it would be even better if we could hear from some of you that have not been heeding the call for news of your lives and activities. Every so often drop your secretary a line and make life easier for her. She deserves a break!

1958

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Susan Day Dean is now a "professor emeritus" from Bryn Mawr College where she taught for 25 years. She has moved to Tacoma, WA to be near her son and daughter. She plans to find some "useful" volunteer work and "just enjoy being alive while I am!" **Adele Scott Caruthers**, Santa Fe, NM spent a long weekend in Juarez, Mexico, helping build a house, a "life-changing experience," sponsored by her local Episcopal Church. She also joined an anti-nuclear protest at Los Alamos on the 55th anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki. Adele gave herself a birthday present, a trip to southern France with a watercolor painting group sponsored by the *International Arts* magazine with Australian painter Robert Wade as the guide. Adele comments that her SBC French came in handy and she learned quite a lot about French cuisine. **Betty Ray Sivals Davis** and her husband, Midland, TX, still enjoy butterfly and bird watching; they went on excursions to Spain, the Galapagos Islands,

Machu Pichu, and Argentina. The Davises have five "grand-girls." From Memphis, TN comes the news that **Marietta Eggleston Burleigh** is serving on the search committee to find a new director for the Memphis Botanic Gardens. She has nine grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. **Bessie Smith Stone** and Bob visited the Burleighs twice and she reports that **Lynn Crosby Gammill** is in and out of Memphis often.

Sandra Elder Harper had a great time re-connecting with **Woody Coggeshall Nock**, after 44 years, at Sandra's nephew's wedding in May. Woody sent her a copy of the class photo from reunion and she "couldn't get over how great everyone looked!" She missed our get-together because she had to attend husband Tom's reunion since he was the chairman. **Ina Hamilton Houck**, Chicago, writes that her son Donovan married Rama Bhalla in a lovely garden wedding in Cleveland in June. It was celebrated in both traditional Christian and Hindu ceremonies. Three generations of family and guests attended from India, Africa, Great Britain and the U.S. Ina recovered enough from arthroscopic knee surgery that she and John were able to go on a Univ. of Chicago alumni trip to Sorrento, Pompeii and the Amalfi coast this summer. The Class of '58's very illustrious member, **Ethel Ogden Burwell**, has children all over the South: Lisa (SBC '84), husband and three children, plus another on the way, are in Olney, MO; Ethel (SBC '82), her Presbyterian minister husband and two children live in Camden, AL; and Armistead III and his wife call Atlanta home. The Burwells are involved in many community volunteer projects in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI but spend the month of March at Perdido Key, FL. She encourages our class members to stop at SBC and see all the great things going on there and to plan to attend our 45th reunion in 2003. Last spring **Lee Cooper van de Velde**, **Lynn Prior Harrington**, **Jane Oxner Waring** and **Eleanor Cain Pope** spent four days together at **Lanny Tully Webster's** beach house; they had a "spring fling" last year in Natchez and plan to keep it up. Lee's two "smartest, cutest and fun-est grandsons" live just five blocks from her in Philadelphia. **Carol McClave Duncan** and Don, Robeson, PA, spent a month this fall touring Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. Carol is happy to renew her friendship with former SBC roommate **Joan Nelson Bargamin** who, with her husband, has visited the Duncans. It sounds as if **Ruth Mackie Gabay**, Mendham, NJ is making time stand still! She teaches tap-dancing, Algebra I and computers. Her oldest son Mark, a forecast analyst for Waterford/Wedgewood and a commander in the naval reserve, will be married April 2001; her youngest son Matthew is a navy helicopter pilot serving in

Bahrain; son John is studying law enforcement in FL; and daughter Allison and her husband are both in computers and are the parents of 16 month old Emily. **Bessie Smith Stone** answered her plea for news on an "absolutely gorgeous New England fall day" from Edgartown, MA on Martha's Vineyard. She and Bob had a busy summer spending three weeks in northern MI where she saw her cousin **Jane Jamison Messer** (SBC '59) and her family including her aunt **Sara Callison Jamison** (SBC '29) who, she says, still keeps all of them "on their toes." They also attended a wedding in MS and a family reunion in WVA. She also mentioned that she saw **Marietta Eggleston Burleigh** when she and Bob were in Memphis. She adds that she and Bob are "getting along wonderfully and really have fun together." Life in Damariscotta, ME is a joy for **Julie Booth Perry**. She writes that her children are all grown and "scattered around the globe" and that she has 3 grandchildren. Julie goes on to say that she is "finding the extraordinary in the ordinary and is a member of nothing in particular—certainly though, the human race." **Ann McCullough Floyd** has lots of news from her home in Murrell's Inlet, SC. In 1999, Jack had cancer surgery but has recovered nicely. They went to Colorado Springs for some golf this year. Their daughter has run in the NY marathon and last year the Floyds were there to cheer her on. Their son and his wife and 3 year old daughter live in Savannah. Ann wrote warmly of her SBC roommate Kenan Myers Van Vranken who died in August after an 11-year battle with cancer. The Floyds and the Van Vrankens got together whenever possible. Ann observed that Kenan kept her "wonderful laugh and sense of humor." A memorial has been established at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Pennington, NJ. I'm sure all of you join me in sending condolences to her family. We also received news that classmate Barbara McClancy, Cleveland, OH died in May 2000. Her family also has our sympathy. From Williamsburg, VA comes a note from **Ruth Frame Salzberg**. They recently went to Australia and New Zealand where they ballooned, rode a jet boat, went "caving," saw Ayers Rock, the outback and the Great Barrier Reef. In NZ Ruth bungee jumped off the 160' high Karawau Bridge—"awesome!" Ruth has had a book on coping humor for breast cancer patients published and has the pleasure of baby-sitting with four grandchildren and quilting. **Betsy Pender Carlson** is now the wife of a vice admiral; they live 20 minutes north of Charlottesville on a large farm. She loves being retired but still gardens and loves to see her son, daughter-in-law and only grandchild Maggie, 18 months old. Her son is a 4th year med student at UVA; one daughter is a lawyer in NYC; and her other daughter,

who was recently married at the Carlsons' farm is a recorded singer and has a novel with an agent. **Ceci Banner Dickson** writes briefly from Leesburg, VA that all is well with her family; her daughter Jenny who went to Albion College with my daughters has been a very active alum there. Now here's the news from Richmond. **Mary Johnson Campbell** writes of weddings and babies: daughter Windy was married in a garden wedding to Cole Rice in May and they have settled close to Mary and David in Richmond; **Tibby Moore Gardner** is the grandmother of twin boys who arrived in September. The Campbells' daughter Margaret Ullrich, her husband and two little girls have moved to Charlotte. Mary mentioned that **Patty Sykes Treadwell** will be having a wedding in her family in the late fall of 2000. **Molly Archer Payne's** son was married at the Paynes' mountain home in a beautiful garden wedding. When Mary wrote she was about to "embark on a trip to Baltimore." **Patty Twohy Williams** described the Payne wedding as lovely; **Ginny Tyson Lawrence** and Ralph joined the festivities with Patty and Edward. The Lawrences went barging through France in October. The Twohys were entertained last summer by **Cornelia Long Matson** and husband Dick at their beautiful home in the Dordogne region of France. The Matson's have vineyards and Patty writes that this year's vintage is supposed to be the "best ever." **Dorothy "Poogie" Wyatt Shields** is involved in her church's neighborhood after-school program, housing and homeless workgroups and at the local hospital. She also writes a weekly scripture meditation on the website of an ecumenical retreat center and tries to discipline herself to write more. She spends as much time as possible with her children and 3 granddaughters. **Louise Dunham Williams** is recovering from a broken ankle as she writes us. She and Harold took a cruise last fall through the Panama Canal. The Williams had a festive party for Louise's mother who turned 100 the same day as Britain's "Queen Mum." Ann Gwinn Fox (SBC '57) attended the event. The Williams are thrilled that son Harold and his family have returned to Richmond; their 7 year old son Drew is at St. Christopher's and 4 year old Caroline is in pre-school. **Joan Nelson Bargamin** writes that she and Paul are still involved in antiques; Joan runs a new mall and also sells her Victorian jewelry through several outlets including the Sherlock Holmes Museum in London. Both the Bargamins have had some health problems over the last year, but Joan says she believes they're on the mend. Son Stephen is the comptroller and vice president of a firm in Tampa, FL; son Paul lives nearby so they get to see Alexis, 7, and Matt, 5, often. Joan sees SBC roommates **Carol McClave Duncan** and **Ann Watkins Custard**; she

and **Louise Dunham Williams** also get together. My big news is that Martha Schenck and her children have moved back to Oakwood for a year while her husband Don serves as regional security officer at the embassy in Luanda, Angola, on "hazardous duty." The Schencks returned in July from 3 years in Namibia. Although we wish that Don were with his family, Eddie and I are having the time of our lives being "on-site" grandparents for Katie, 12, Lauren, 10, and Cole, 4 1/2. Another bonus is that Martha's twin Lee Eckerman, Clarksville, TN, is coming home more often with her 10 1/2 yr. old son Scottie, to be with Martha and younger sister Anne. Lee is on the go as the victim-witness advocate for the district attorney of two counties. I was in TN to stay with Scottie in mid-Oct. while Lee attended a professional conference in Chattanooga. We joined her there and had 2 delightful days re-discovering my mother's hometown. Anne, in Dayton, continues to lead a very busy life as director of after-care services for a large local funeral home where she also serves as a grief counselor and funeral director. I have just taken on a new position as Zone X public relations representative for the Garden Club of America; we had a marvelous meeting in D.C. in Oct. when a butterfly habitat garden, given by GCA to the Smithsonian, was dedicated. An added treat was spending time with old friend, Vicki Chainski Verity (SBC '66), who is the p.r. representative from the Chicago area. I continue to sing in the Dayton Philharmonic chorus and in the choir at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and I am still a free-lance writer. Eddie and I got to the family cottage in northern MI several times this year and I took Mother (Martha McBroom Shipman, SBC '31) up over the 4th of July weekend. As always, I thank each and every one of you for taking the time to write; I love getting e-mails—they're so easy! I continue to be amazed at the versatility and capability of our class members. Keep in touch and think 2003!

1959

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It was good to hear from so many of '59 this year! Many responses came by e-mail and I would like to encourage that, for those of you who have it. My address is wardjudy56@rivnet.net. Now for the news...sad to say, the college notified me last summer that **Catherine Frowery Greer** died on March 12, 2000. Also, I am sorry to have to report the death of **Ann Pegram Harris'** husband, Byron, after a long and valiant battle with illness. Our sympathy goes out to Ann, who

also reported the birth of a "delicious" 7th grandchild, noting that "life gives and takes with two hands." **Alice Cary Farmer Brown** was recently surprised to learn that she has been named a recipient of a Sweet Briar College Centennial Award—one of only 22 faculty, staff, alumnae, and friends who have been selected to receive this special award on Saturday, April 21, '01 during the Centennial Gala celebration. She said that she would accept it on behalf of all of us—feeling "embarrassed", as so, so many have done so much more". Congratulations from all of us, Alice Cary, for this well-deserved recognition! **Jane Wheeler Garcia** believes she may have the distinction of being the last of us to have a baby—**Augustus Israel Garcia** was born in 1978 and will graduate from Wheaton College, Illinois, in May, with a double major in Political Science and Biblical Studies. As an "old religion major" she is grateful and proud. **Fleming Parker Rutledge** has written another book, *Help My Unbelief*, and says both of her books are selling quite well. She spent much time in New Orleans in 2000 preaching and teaching at Trinity Church. She found New Orleans "a city of unique character and seediness". **Cay Ramey Howard** **Weimer's** big news is the birth of Eliza Randolph Howard, her first grand baby, born January 18th to her son L.W. Howard, Jr. and his wife, Laura. She is happy that they also live in Richmond. **Snowdon Durham Byron** was off to France and Italy last fall, visiting **Mary Ballou Handy Ballentine** and other friends in their rented villa on a mountain top in Tuscany. Her sister's (**Louise Durham Purvis** '62) husband, John, is a member of the European Parliament representing Scotland, and they visited the new headquarters in Strasburg, watching and listening to a session. **Linda Knickerbocker Ford** had a great visit with **Cookie Cooke Carle** when she came by for the night and is busy with her farm and many projects. **Jini Jones Vail** and family have just welcomed a new granddaughter—Sophia Elizabeth Dyer, on Oct. 2, 2000, making a total of 4 grandchildren. Two of them, in Amy's and Rusty's families, live close by in Watertown, CT. She is still doing work on the "Governor's Commission for American and Francophile Cultural Affairs in the State of CT," writing a book on French influence in CT and promoting the Washington and Rochambeau Revolutionary Route from Newport, RI to Yorktown, VA. She and classmates **Erna Westwig**, **Sandy Sylvia**, **Sarah J. Moore**, **Mary Davis**, and **Polly Taylor** plan another mini reunion in June 2001 on Block Island. **Marge McCollum Tillman** writes that she and Fred are enjoying leading a fine, laid-back life in Santa Fe, where they retired and built a home. From **Polly Space Dunn** in Savannah comes news that a granddaughter, Maggie was born to their

daughter, Elizabeth and her husband, Andrew, in Sept. 2000. They all had a joyful Christmas together in Savannah. The Dunsns still spend their summers in the NC mountains where Polly sees **Lizora Yonce** and **Nina Raine** occasionally, and plays lots of golf. She is still playing tennis, and paints—oil and water color. **Rachel Bok Goldman** and Allen are thoroughly enjoying retirement—though she suspects he is enjoying it more "because homemakers never retire!" In May during their voyage on the Black Sea they stopped at Balaklava, Crimea, where the 600 rode into the Valley of Death, and Yalta, where she patted the table used by the Big Three at the Yalta Conference. Rachel sends greetings. I would like to quote a card I received from **Caroline Green**: "I hope this card from me will find all of you from Sweet Briar College all right. I am fine and I continue to enjoy living on Powell 2 East here at Central State Hospital, Milledgeville, GA. With love, Caroline Green". Her zip code is 31061, in case anyone would like to drop her a line.

Ginny Robinson Harris' daughter, **Whitney Bolt Lewis** (SBC 88), had a son, Connor Frantz Lewis, in October. Whitney is opening a new vet clinic in Charlotte—the Piper Glen Animal Hospital. Ginny traveled with Whitney to Spain and Portugal last year, and does work with their community theater and art league. She toured Italy in Sept. with her gardening group and will go to Ireland this year. **Ann Hearin** is still at the Kitchen Store, having moved into space double the size of the old shop. She is planning a trip to Ireland, either 8 days of golf or a walking tour. She says she is "feeling great, only 12 pounds heavier." **Courtney Gibson Pelley** and Herb continue to do lots of volunteer work ("He says I raise my right hand and he gets to volunteer.") They went to New Orleans on an upscale Elderhostel from Dec. 10th to 15th to celebrate their anniversary. They went on another one to Nova Scotia in June 2000 and then went on to Prince Edward Island. She says, "No more expensive trips for us—we have learned to read the Elderhostel catalogue." **Lizora Miller Yonce's** husband, Sam, is retired so they spend the winter away from CT on the west coast of FL, where she says they've met lots of interesting mid-westerners. Many Richmonders go to the Gasparilla Inn there so she keeps in touch with her roots. In the summer they go to a family home on Fishers Island, NY, where they sometimes see **Alice Cary Farmer Brown**. They enjoy their grandchildren, Sam III, who is 6, and Isabelle and Caroline Yonce, born in May 2000.

From **Virginia Ramsey Crawford** comes news of the marriage of the youngest of their five girls, Sarah, to Douglas Kalata, a lawyer from PA, on June 3rd 2000 in Boston. That same week Mac had his 50th Princeton reunion, and Virginia sang the Verdi

Requiem in Carnegie Hall two days before the wedding! With four girls married, they now have 8 grandchildren, 3 girls and 3 boys. They spend summers in Chautauqua, NY, are going to Holland in the spring, Russia, Estonia and Finland with her choral group June-July, and are busy with volunteering and hobbies back home. Virginia, as an "old librarian," especially enjoys her book discussion group. **Ali Wood Thompson** writes, "This year's highlights were: dancing in my third Hula Bowl; continuing my 5 year involvement in being the leader of my Hawaiian 'plunkers' band (which performs for 2 nursing homes, a geriatric hospital, and an adult day care center); a fun trip down to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Piccu; and having lots of patience going through 1 year of our house being remodeled. Since Travis recently got elected as Hawaii's National Republican Committeeman we went to the Republican Convention and the Inauguration." **Jane Jamison Messer** writes that she has 8 grandchildren and manages to see them often, even though none live in IN (they are in OH, MI, and CT). She spent a week with **Karen McKenzie Smith** in June 2000—they went to the US Open and to San Francisco where Karen was "quite the hostess—still very funny and FUN — Also enjoyed a quick visit with Snowdon and her adorable piano-playing husband, Jamie—It will be 5 years since I had my breast cancer and I look forward to celebrating that by going to the Masters in Augusta". She planned to see **Sue Pohl Moulton** in FL while visiting her 93 year old "off the charts" mother, **Sara Jamison**, SBC '29, who still drives, plays golf, and is very social. **Dede Ulf Mayer** writes: "I've finally returned to Virginia, leaving the snowy and cloudy days of Erie, PA behind me. I'm living in Charlottesville, in view of the Blue Ridge Mountains. My sons and their wives are only two hours away in northern VA and SBC roommate **Linda Knickerbocker Ford** lives nearby. It's a new adventure for me, and I'm ready for it." **Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill** says: "My son now lives in Aylett, VA with his new Hungarian bride and I am so blessed to have them there with my mother. Plus they love this old 18th c. house which we're struggling to preserve. Old houses are special but I'd rather work in gardens which I am so lucky to still be doing. My daughter will marry an English chap this June. My oldest son still in South Dakota with my only two beautiful grandchildren and another on the way and my 3rd son at West Point. I still love designing/installing gardens and still hate all the paperwork of running a business." **Patricia Cox Ware** writes: "Our oldest son, Marshall Jr., is getting married this August. He teaches art at St. Christopher's here in Richmond and his fiancée, Jill Brammer, currently teaches dance at George Mason University in Arlington.

This will round it out for us with all three children married. From **Mary Blair Scott Valentine**:

"My exciting news is that Stukie and I will vacation in March on the island of Anguilla in the B.W. Indies. Beautiful beaches and great restaurants. Also going to the Chelsea Flower Show in London in May with the garden club of Matthews County.

From **Penny Fisher Dunklee**: "This has been a year of changes—all good. Two kids got married and one of them will have a baby in February. I will get to go be go-fer at the home delivery and stay afterwards to wash dishes and say, 'Good job'. Nice thing about that project is that they live in San Francisco. I plan to explore that fine city and to do some painting. Biggest change for me is that I quit doing pottery after 25 years and sold my kiln and potter's wheel. I don't consider myself retired, but to have begun a new set of careers: watercolor painter and first editor for John, who has had two new books published this year. *Graciela of the Border* is a mass market paperback, and *Forced Journey* is the sequel to his first Young Adult book. For this, I painted the cover and made several drawings to illustrate it." **Judy Sorley Chalmers** had this interesting news: "My daughter, Cameron, and I have founded a non-profit medical missionary organization called A Better Life, Inc., which will perform plastic and hand surgery on children in Ecuador, Guatemala, and other Central and South American countries. We will take groups of approximately twenty on each trip, surgeons, nurses, translators, etc., and will perform about 100 cases on each trip, all on birth defects such as cleft palate, cleft lip and syndactyly of the hand. Cameron and I have traveled with other organizations to Panama and Guayaquil doing the same types of surgery, but we finally decided to organize our own. We have a web site—www.abetterlife.ws—and details of who is involved in our first trip are there. We're quite excited about it." Judy's brother, Lewis Sorley's most recent book, *A Better War, the Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's last Years in Vietnam*, which was dedicated to Judy, has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize! **Judy Welton Sargent's** daughter, Catherine was to be on The Learning Channel in January—she is a resident orthopedic surgeon at Tulane, working at Charity Hospital, which is the busiest ER in the country. She is currently at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta for six months working with a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. From **Tabb Thornton Farinholt**: "We have just returned from an after-Christmas frigid foray to Vermont with children and six grandchildren during which we "enjoyed" a major blizzard. Everyone skied except the old folks and baby Jack (18 months), whom we were happy to tend as we stoked the fire!

I'm still teaching English at St. Catherine's and still finding it a great challenge. I'll quit one of these days, but as of now, it's still great to be highly charged. (Better than skiing.) **Betsy Smith White** says that she is staying busy with family (3 married daughters, 6 grandchildren, and a retired husband!) and the usual volunteer commitments. From **Betsy Colwill**

Wiegiers: "We have bought a winter-get-away place in Mexico. It is currently under 'remodel' (which means three times the estimated cost and four times the estimated time). When and if it is ever finished, I definitely plan to have a Sweet Briar mini-reunion there."

Trish Chandler Burns sent me a beautiful picture of her family. She and Fred have 4 grandchildren under the age of 4. As for us, we went on a three week tour of China last spring. The best part was a 9-day cruise up the Yangtze River, and seeing the Three Gorges Dam under construction. We saw all the sights in Beijing and Shanghai, and also the Terra Cotta Warriors in Xian, and the gorgeous mountain scenery of Guilin. Our guides were very open in discussing all aspects of China with us and answering our questions. Ward and I are both docents at Historic Christ Church and getting more and more involved in volunteer activities here on the wonderful Northern Neck of Virginia. Keep the news coming—and if you are on e-mail please let me or Judy Chalmers (judith.chalmers@worldnet.att.net) know your address.

1961

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Hello to '61—the rejuvenated and buoyed who enjoyed a splendid Re-Union in May, and others who were missed. A highlight of Re-Union was the presentation of the Outstanding Alumna Award, this year to **Sara Finnegan Lycett**, who spoke so well. We've reason to be proud at our SBC Club meetings, and Sara continues to serve, now on the Friends of SB Art and also as vice prez of docents, Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore. As we and our husbands retire or cut back on workloads, we move right into pursuit of long-term interests, and welcome new ones. "Wonderful to have lots of Saturdays!" January, Sen. **Alicia Laing Salisbury** concluded 20 years in public office, having spent last summer cruising Baltic, attending her final Senate Presidents' Forum and serving as delegate to Republican Convention. She and John now spend more time at their Colorado lake home. Also retired from 26 years of teaching is **Faith Bullis**, who now visits her 4 children

and fishes. After careers in public relations, language training, fund raising, **Diane Stevens** devotes time to volunteering, principally in education and the arts. Traveling last year to France and England, she also drove 4,800 miles in "memorable" Pacific Northwest. Really a volunteer at her Unitarian Church, **Fran Brackenridge Neumann** travels as flower show judge for the GCA to wonderful places where she meets good people. **Bee Newman Thayer** and **Brad** enjoy flexibility in retirement, traveling to see family, new Katie, friends and SB Board from home in NH. Also retired NH are Jack and **Laura Conway Nason**, now that Jack's wound down his law practice. Her Mother, Eleanor Wright Conway, '32 celebrated her 90th in June. One son's computer consultant, other teaches yoga, in band. Their 2nd home on the Chesapeake and grandson Henry gladden **Louise Cobb Bogg**. Son Jay, Atlanta, restores a new-to-him house. **Judy Greer Schulz** teaches piano, involved with VCCA. Steve's retired, so they travel, visit family and gdc. Also retired is **Linda MacArthur Hollis**' Bob; their new hill-top house CT and NC home see them some. With d. Jennifer and Mark, saw migrating Serengeti wildebeests, many large cats, kept alert by great combination of rough and luxe hotels. With s. Scott and Amy and gdds to Williamsburg. New Claire delights Harry and **Janie Arensberg Thompson**. Back in Maine this summer, not biking, were the **Lynns**; **Nancy Coppedge**'s recovered from being hit by a car there; takes her French lessons, now 4 gds. **Julia Johnson Chapin**'s doing well, 3 yrs. post stem cell transplant for breast cancer, sails, 3rd gdc. George and **Susie Prichard Pace** now have 4 Richmond gds, one d. in OR near Mt. Hood. **Peggy Parr Gallagher**, office manager, now has 5 gdc. **Sheila Haskell Smith**, who wonders if SBC is in their futures, welcomed a 4th gdd. **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss**' one person show, "Water-Based" featured oils and etchings at the New York City Fire Museum, 2000. Wendy Weiler, '71 attended. Needlepointing author **Domi Siegler-Lathrop** continues working with French museums and decorators, (see www.bucherie.com) visits her 4 children, 1 gdc, Stateside. Morton and **Lynn Adams Clark** opened "Sloane Court West English Antiques", Williamsburg, '99, with d. Allison Clark Dunn (SBC '85), and Hugh, buying in England. They rent their 2-bedroom Chelsea flat to the London-bound. **Mary Hunter Kennedy Daly** rents her 2-bedroom apartment around the corner from the Pompidou Museum, Paris; info is at desaixa@yahoo.com. **Babs Childrey Fowler** and Cal downsized into a convenient townhouse with no yard, and spend summers at Smith Mountain Lake house. Daughter Quincy's first anniversary is coming up; she and Babs continue to enjoy their Willow Place Antiques Gallery in

Richmond. Happily back in Richmond with gdc and other family is **Mary Denny Scott Wray**. She's joined a new choir, and twice weekly is apprenticed to "the best" furniture restorer. Again, **Molly Haskell** and Andrew Sarris graced the Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival. Betty Meade Howard ('60) and John enjoyed it as **Lou Chapman Hoffman**'s houseguests. **Julie O'Neil Arnheim** reports that her young'uns are building careers in the arts. Last summer **Willia Fales Eckerburg** and Lennart spent in Sweden with 2 gdc and about-to-be-married youngest son, fiancée. "Wonderful outings and lunches" beckoned from across the bridge now connecting Sweden and Copenhagen. Bless her, she volunteered the "view" that, with 275 million, we should come up with an inspiring candidate for president—and shorter campaigns. Twelve children in developing world now sponsored by **Sue Bell Davies**, through Plan International. She's visited 8 on three continents, speaks for the charity. **Sara Finnegan Lycett** enjoyed two marvelous train trips, first from South Africa to Zimbabwe. September, she and Ike rode from Beijing across China on the China Orient Express, then through Central Asia and Russia on the Istanbul Orient Express. The Buddhist and Islamic art and architecture in cities were "breath-taking." **Bette Hutchins Sharland** and Jean continue trying develop "SBC '61 Online" with good judgment, taste. Join froghall@clark.net. One spoke for many about "increased maintenance", someone said "we're lucky to make it up the hill to the supermarket," but we seem to proceed from strength to strength. And, we've a new bride. "My husband is first boy who kissed me when I was 12 years old," says **Faith Bullis Mace**, wed to Dick in spring 2000.

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President: Jocelyn Palmer Connors
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Fund Agent: Adele Vogel Harrell

Patsey Carney Reed is still in Nashville, traveling to Seattle and San Francisco where her children live. Her son is moving to Costa Rica – any SBC friends there? **Laura Conneral Lawton** sent a wonderful picture of Son Freeman Jelks and Heather's twins with beaming grandma. **Katharine Crommelin Milton** keeps busy with her classes and research. Four trips to Panama in 2000 to work on aspects of her howler monkey – parasite project and learned some exciting things. She occasionally sees classmates in the Berkeley area, particularly **Juliette Anthony**. She hopes to return to SBC in 2001 to give a talk on her research and discuss career plans with students.

Louise Durham Purvis has two

new grandchildren adding to the fold—now 6. They have also enjoyed visits from **Fontaine Hutter Minor** and Phil with children and **Douglas Dockery Thomas** and her husband. Louise travels with John occasionally to the European Parliament.

Jean Gantt Nuzum and Tom had a very thrilling 2000, watching their son Henry row in the Double Sculls for the American Olympic team in Sydney. They split their three week trip between Sydney and New Zealand. Henry is now a Naval Officer (ROTC at Harvard) training in Newport. Christine lives in Manhattan and is a reporter for Dow Jones Interactive. She joined them in Sydney. **Mig Garrity Sturr** had everyone home for Christmas, including 4 grandchildren. She left on Jan. 5 for Antigua for R & R. Her business, Creative Travel Planners specializes in European travel, particularly Ireland, U.K. and Switzerland.

She has earned Specialist Certification for travel there. Her number is 1-866-410-0205 if you need to get away.

Dulcie Heintz Germond wrote to inform us of her new address: 3564 Piedmont Road #404 Atlanta, GA 30305. **Nancy Hudler Keuffel** is already planning ahead, looking forward to seeing everyone at our 40th. **Cary Lamond Courier** enjoys her job doing 401k meetings for groups of employees. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren who all live in Austin, TX. They connect from Southern California via e-mail. **Mary Steketee MacDonald** thoroughly enjoyed walking Elderhostel in England last October. Meanwhile, hiking, biking, traveling, skiing replace full-time work except during her accountant season of Jan. to April. **Allison Moore Garrott** and Tom are still in Memphis and they have 9 grandchildren. She completed her Ph. D. ('91) in clinical psychology, entering private practice seeing mainly children, adolescents, and women. She and Tom travel a lot, keeping up with **Alice Allen Smyth** and **Louise Durham Purvis**.

Puddin Newbury Lansing and Warner are enjoying retirement. As for their children, Richard is building houses in Austin, Anna is working on her doctoral thesis, and Edward is in O.C.S. They hope to get out to Oregon in August for his graduation and commissioning. **Anne Parker Schmalz** fills up retirement from nursing with volunteering in horticulture, education, League of Women Voters, and escorting clients of her local women's clinic. Her husband has exchanged his law practice for a political career and civic activities. Six geographically scattered grandchildren require many weekend jaunts around the country. **Pat Perkins Wolverton** took two trips to France and Italy last year. She and daughter Julie toured London in March. Pat and her husband have built a wonderful retirement home and she enjoys the gift

shops retail business.

Ann Ritchey Baruch is excited about building a house in Spring Island, SC, a ten year old community with commitment to preserving the natural environment. **Rosalie Smithy Bradham** has promised to teach her how to catch crabs, shrimp, and fish in the "low country."

Mary Jane Schroder Oliver Hubbard continues to revel in the new chapter in her life. She and James enjoyed a Mediterranean cruise honeymoon after their May '99 wedding. Since settling in Rumson, NJ, James was called to St. John's Episcopal in Roanoke. As an interim Rector, he never knows how long or where he will be called, but they love being back in VA. Son Jasper and Shelley (SBC '98) are back in the SB community. She is working in Admissions. Mary Jane's mom is at Westminster-Canterbury and turned 90 in Feb.

Julia Shields loves retirement, taking a wonderful trip to Japan last spring plus various short trips in U.S. She recently saw **Mary Louise Kelley Moore** (who was widowed and is now Mrs. Thomas Oame). **Mary Brush Bass** and husband Lucien attend the same church in Charlottesville as does Julia.

Janice Smith Stearns is still running an apartment building in Palm Beach, FL for 21 years but plans to retire in April. **Adele Vogel Harrell** and Parker welcomed 2 new grandchildren: Conrad Harrell Mackethan, Logan's first, and Eliza Montgomery Helmers, Glenn's fourth. In August Adele became the first director of the new Justice Policy Center at the Urban Institute. She had a great reunion with several classmates in May. Parker is working hard, traveling the world for Korn Ferry. **Mina Walker Wood** sent two bits of happier news concerning the passing of **Eve Pringle Boyd** (10/99). Eve's first grandchild, Evelyn LeConte Pringle and Mina's first, Robert S. Wood, Jr. were both born in the summer of 2000. Then, Eve's youngest son John, as well as Mina's middle son Bunny will each be married in the summer of 2001. The Alumnae Office also sent me a wonderful article from the Lynchburg paper featuring Mina as new president of the Garden Club of Virginia. Congratulations!

Gwen Weiner is still running a family business of design work and painting in Fort Worth. She lives between Lake Tahoe, Tucson and Seattle working on mental health issues.

Macon Winfree Hilton and Bob had a wonderful time in Spain and Morocco in October. They spent much of the summer at their farm in Virginia. They enjoyed visits from their daughter Betsy and son Rob and their families.

The Alumnae Office received notification of the passing of **Catherine Grinnan Ritter** (11/1/99). We extend our deep sympathy to her family. It is also with deep regret that I report the

passing of **Carol Worboys Johnson** on Jan. 30, 01. We offer our sincere sympathy to her family, including **Anne Worboys Buske** (SBC '61).

Nina Harrison Scribner is very busy with her ministry as chaplain at the Maine Medical Center by day, and by night works with their yellow lab, Oak, a release guide dog puppy. She raises and trains dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. They have four children, Anne, Curtis, John, and Liz. Two grandchildren, Jack (2) and Will (8) offer many exciting surprises.

The new millennium for the Adams and the rest of the world began in Fiji. In March we celebrated our 35th in Bermuda with 4 generations (3 of which are SBC!). Come June we chased a marathon in Norway where Aubrey '89 ran. In July we toured the Baltics. We came home to replace the kitchen and add a room to the house...really dumb (but fun) for empty-nesters. Thank you all so much for writing. Remember, it's the classmates who make the column.

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President: Nancy Gillies and Claire Hughes Knapp
Secretary: Virginia deBuys
Fund Agent: Lee Huston Carroll

Your Sweet Briar education evidently did not prepare you for your 40th high school reunion. You feared acne attacks and worse, but went anyway and had a great time. Otherwise, you report genuine happiness and contentment with your lives—but you do not rest. **Lee Huston Carroll** moved across the country to Pasadena, CA where husband John is now the editor of the *Los Angeles Times*. Lee calls it an "Adult Experiment in Domestic Living." **Diane Hatch** retired from Mary Washington College in June after 30 years and then went on a three-week "unforgettable" trip to Turkey. **Tuck Mattern Harvey** stays extremely busy—with work, children and grandchildren, and summers in the woods of Virginia. For **Hedi Haug White**, 2000 has meant travel (skiing, Golf School, and Budapest, Prague and Vienna). She's just joined the Board of the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, one of the oldest social services agencies in N.Y. City. We hear from **Jackie Nicholson Wysong** that she sold her house to David Grohl, former drummer with Nirvana and now the lead singer of the Foo Fighters. "It's just too weird (pictures of my house are on his CD)!" Jackie is with DB Alex Brown LLC, in Washington, D.C. and working on a Series 7 license. The 2000 wedding report comes from **Nancy Hall Green**. Hollywood couldn't top this. "Our son Frank married Bevin Bravacos at Mas des Pions in Provence. About 300 guests from the states and about 75 Europeans gathered for 5 days of fes-

tivities and the wedding which took place in our 'barn' transformed into a chapel, with seated dinner and dancing to Peter Duchin, a friend. **Susan Dwelle Baxter** helped with travel arrangements and husband Bill married the couple. **Frances Hanahan, Caroline Tate, Susan Croft, Harriet Shaffer, and Jane Bradley Wheeler** were there too!" "The group" convened again to celebrate the marriage of **Jane Bradley Wheeler's** daughter Molly. **Tina Patterson Murray** is teaching full time and beginning to write her dissertation for a Ph.D. She sees **Donna Ja Pearson Josey** in Texas at meetings of the Board of the Lady Bird Johnson National Wildlife Center (Donna put Tina on the Board). She enjoyed **Carrie Peyton** and Rick in NY but "it was not long enough!" Carrie enjoyed a visit from her roommate **Wendy Wilkins** and continues teaching at the University of California, specializing in writing and accent reduction for Silicon Valley computer scientists and engineers from foreign countries. **Vera LeCraw Carvaille** picked up where she left off with three classmates this year. She saw roommate **Susie Glasgow Brown** and husband Allen and **Rosamond Sample** in Paris and then **Ginny Hamilton Ammons** and family came to Vera's for dinner and a visit to nearby Chartres Cathedral. **Ginny** and husband Davis live on a farm near Denver. After going East for high school, the children have come back West for college and to live. **Linda Levengood** traveled to Salamanca, Spain to visit her daughter Lara and celebrate the discovery of America. **Gail Anderson Ramey** loves Pinehurst, is happy to have her son at Columbia Business School, and enjoys living near **Sue Deasy Maguire** ("a wonderful friend to all"). **Molly Johnson Nelson** has been busy traveling and having fun as the chair of the committee that selects art for her local museum's annual auction. **Penny Writer** reports that granddaughter Delaney (my son Dan's family) just turned one on June 11, son Tim, the pilot, is in Chicago, and daughter Ginger, is in D.C. working for the Jones Day law firm. **Mary Fitzhugh Miller** is the General Auditor of American Express. Sam and Mary had a great cruise to the North Pole and Franz Josef in August on Yarnal, the world's most powerful ice breaker. **Nancy Lynah Hood** enjoyed seeing **Kitty Griffith, Kathleen Stevenson, Margaret Street, and Angie Whaley** at their Ashley Hall reunion. She continues to work on cultural projects in Oxford and to think about the "R" word. **Libby Kopper Schollaert** continues teaching French and will have two grandchildren for Christmas this year (one born in June and one in July). **Ginny deBuys** enjoyed a visit from Libby between births. "I've become an employee and commute to NYC daily." **V.M. Del Greco Galgano** consults with school systems to help them pass their

state math tests and now teaches only 4 classes at James Madison University! Wedding bells ring for Laura (third wedding in 2.5 years). (Hey, Ann Day — I don't wear beige for this wedding...) **Nancy Gillies** is involved in social service projects, nursing, and pretending to lose weight. HA! "Thanks to all who were supportive this past summer." **Kitty Griffith**, librarian and P.R. professional at the Ferguson Library, is now becoming a web writer. **Lynne Smith Crowe** is on the Board of Trustees for the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and went to the Sea of Cortez and Copper Canyon with them. She volunteers in professional organizations in the financial industry and has children in Boston, Chicago and New Jersey. **Alice Fales Stewart** continues her work as a walking tour guide in Washington, D.C., plays the violin and runs (really runs) the marathon. **Susan Jahn Mancini** is teaching Italian at Ohio Wesleyan University, enjoying the private university atmosphere after six years at Ohio State. **Angie Whaley LeClerc** and husband Fred have moved from The Citadel campus where she is Director of Libraries, to downtown Charleston. Husband Fred has opened Alkyon Arts, an art gallery in Charleston. **Nina Sledge Burke** completed a three-year term as President of Stratford Hall Plantation, Home of the Lees in Westmoreland County, saw her daughter married and enjoys having her son (and lots of SBC alums) nearby in Charleston. **Grace Mary Garry Oates** and Wally had a wonderful trip to Switzerland, and "I had a splendid reunion in Sussex with my two dearest friends from St. Andrews." They miss **Claire Hughes Knapp's** visits since her move to Tucson. Claire is happy in Tucson and has a new career as an interior designer. Catch the latest news and read the unedited notes on www.debuystech.com/sbpatch64. Keep in touch!

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Greetings, Classmates! I have never had a knack for brevity, (which will soon become all too obvious), so it was indeed a relief when Sweet Briar recently rescinded its oft-reviled word limit on class notes. My long-suffering predecessor, **Harriet Wall Martin**, (saint that she is!), was forced to count and weigh her every word, and she somehow managed to maintain both her sanity and her matchless sense of humor. I, on the other hand, can blab on ad infinitum. So here I go!

Judy Howe Behn writes from

Watertown, MA, that she has moved back to the Northeast after 27 years in North Carolina. (Her new address is: 147 Church St., Watertown, MA 02472.) Husband Bob left Duke to teach at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and son Mark is working on his Ph.D. in geophysics at MIT. Judy loves being near her parents again, and in August she got a Sheltie puppy, "just to add to the confusion," says Judy.

Holly Zweigler Schroeter sends word from Jersey City, NJ, that she eagerly awaits the arrival of her first grandchild, due on Valentine's Day, 2001. Her son and his wife live in San Leandro, CA, and Holly's Slovakian daughter-in-law speaks five languages! Holly's daughter, who is living in Prague, Czech Republic, is finishing a master's degree in film at King Charles University, and Holly will spend three weeks with her in May. Holly has a new job as counter manager for Christian Dior at Macy's in Short Hills, NJ, and she also teaches English privately and has her own business selling Mary Kay Cosmetics.

From Bethesda, MD, **Lynn Morgan Reynolds** reports that she is no longer working but is enjoying being a granny to son Brad's two children, Canyon, age 2, and Alia, age 1, and to daughter Kristina's son Thomas Finnegan Muldoon, born in August, 2000. Lynn stays busy with a variety of activities at St. Francis Episcopal Church.

Dabney Williams McCoy sent a newsy e-mail from Richmond, VA. The McCoy's ushered in the millennium with a dinner dance and fireworks at their summer home in Maine, and the celebrating continued throughout 2000 with an engagement, a wedding, a debut, and a birth! Son Chris and his wife Mary Richard presented the McCoy's with their first grandchild in March. Dabney writes: "Richard Shapard McCoy is the joy of our lives, and being a grandmother is even better than I had thought it would be!" Chris will graduate from law school in May and will join a firm in Charlotte, NC. Son Tim, a mid-Atlantic marketing manager for a Richmond investment firm, married Christina in June, 2000, and to Dabney's delight, they are expecting their first child in May. Dabney's daughter Catherine, who made her debut in June, is a senior at UNC. Husband Tim continues to work hard at his construction sales job, but Dabney closed her business two years ago to enjoy more time with family and friends.

I had some nice notes from North Carolina. **Kathleen Watson Taylor** writes from Washington that the Taylor family has been blessed with loving relationships and good health. Son Carney, 30, will complete his nephrology fellowship at Vanderbilt in June, 2001, and will join a practice in Greenville, NC, "only thirty minutes from home!" Daughter Anne, 26, was married in Oct., 1999, and lives in

Raleigh, NC, where she is pursuing a master's in special education at NC State. Son Selden, 23, graduated from VMI in May, 2000, and is also in Raleigh, working on his master's in civil engineering. Husband Marshall will begin working half time in July, 2001, and Kathleen stays busy with family, friends, gardening, piano, exercise, and church activities.

From Wilson, NC, **Blair Both** writes that she is enjoying being interim rector at St. Timothy's, where one day **Gretchen Bullard Barber** (SBC '67) showed up at her office door to welcome her to Wilson. Gretchen's hometown. Blair says the best part of all is seeing more of Linda Schwaab Hodges, who babysits Blair's golden retriever, Sallie.

Harriet Wall Martin's message, from Chapel Hill, simply cannot be paraphrased, and I must quote it in its entirety. Harriet says: "I have no news. Perhaps I am on the verge of a profound book about aging, but the only awareness I have thus far is that I am getting surly. I am also getting fat because I quit smoking (after 35 years of it). Surly is okay; fat is okay. Fat and surly is probably not legal."

Our Georgia classmates also came through with news. From Augusta, **Laura Haskell Phinizy** writes that she and husband Stewart had fun on the SBC trip to Tuscany last fall, during the elections. Laura says, "It was very interesting to get the Italian comments on our election process. They loved our being in disarray."

Aline Rex McEvoy and husband Peter also had a wonderful trip: ten days in London with **Margaret Feild Kresge** and Ted. Aline writes from Atlanta that in 2000 the McEvoy's happily welcomed the arrival of their first grandchild, Lily Calhoun, daughter of son Clay and his wife, the former **Kimberly Dimstead** (SBC '92). Clay is in sports marketing in Atlanta, and Aline's daughter, Emory Calhoun, does corporate personnel placement in Nashville. Aline and Peter have many visitors, and recent ones included her cousin **Emory Furniss Maxwell** (SBC '74) and son and daughter **Christy** (SBC '03), whom the college has recognized as having more family alumnae than anyone yet!

A brief but enthusiastic note arrived from Atlanta, as **Elvira McMillan Tate** announced the birth of grandson Martin Tate Dubilier, born in Nov. 1999. In May 2000, she welcomed a second son-in-law into the family, and her lovely Christmas photo of the Tate-Hoskins wedding attests to the beauty and joy of the occasion.

Texas is never a state to be outdone, and I had three responses from Houston. **Sallie Mullins Thompson** writes that her business management consulting and services practice continues to go well. She will receive an MBA in accounting in May 2001, and will take the CPA exam in Nov.

Divorced since 1998, Sallie is enjoying the social and cultural life of Houston. Daughter Kathryn is in her second year in the Legislative Review Division of the President's Office of Management and Budget. She is happily settled in her new Washington home and enjoyed attending many of the inaugural events. Sallie travels east every couple of months to take weekend trips with her daughter, and she keeps up with **Dabney Williams McCoy** via e-mail, "a wonderful invention, in my opinion," says Sallie.

Be on the lookout for a new novel, *Gabriel's Eye*, by C.W. Smith. **Babette Fraser Hale** writes that it is the big title for spring, 2001, from her publishing company, (whose website is winedale-books.com). Babette describes it as a riveting story of a teacher who allows herself to become emotionally involved with a young male student, and she calls it "a gorgeous piece of literary fiction with commercial possibilities." Also in spring, 2001, Babette's husband Leon Hale will receive the lifetime achievement award from the Texas Institute of Letters, the state's most prestigious literary award. Son, Will is working in Manhattan and contemplating business school. The Hales will spend summer, 2001, in Santa Fe, NM.

We had a wonderful visit with **Mibs Sebring Raney** and husband Bev, a pediatric oncologist, when they came to Washington, DC, last Nov. for meetings at the National Cancer Institute. Mibs writes from Houston, "We had a very enjoyable time with you all, ate fabulously and managed to not talk politics and remain friends!"

Houston is also the home of Duncan Hayne Shumate, "splendid first grandchild" of Charles and **Sally McCrady Hubbard**, who live in Cortez, CO ("too far away," says Sally). "Retired" husband Charles is doing many small architecture jobs, and Sally is office manager of an addiction's treatment agency. Daughter Anna has retired from her AIDS-benefit bike rides (after nine rides totaling about 4,500 miles!). She is now a full-time student of biotechnology in San Francisco. The Hubbards are looking forward to a trip to the ruins at Macchu Picchu, Peru, a long-held dream. Sally sends fond regards to her classmates.

From California there were two responses. **Sally Rasco Thomas** confessed that she missed our delightful 35th SBC reunion because she and **Brooke Patterson Mahlstadt** went on a wonderful cruise to Alaska. Sally, who is divorced, works as the development director for the San Diego Public Library system. She has two grown sons and two granddaughters, ages 5 and 1.

Eugenia Dickey Caldwell sends word from San Francisco that in May 2000, she switched to a new group at IBM, that helps software developers performance test their applications for Internet access. "Judging by the hor-

rendous daily traffic," says Genie, "the high tech boom is still booming!" Genie and Peter enjoyed a visit from **Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger's** charming daughter Kate, a vet, who was doing a stint in the Central Valley. Genie has had a busy year of travel: to Arizona for birding, to New Orleans for the Jazz Fest, to NYC for a class and theater and ballet, and to SBC for our fun 35th reunion.

The news that traveled the farthest arrived from Mexico City, where **Mary Ellen Freese Cota** has been living for the past 35 years. Mel told the romantic story of how she met her future husband while crossing the ocean on the Queen Mary, en route to Sweet Briar's Junior Year in France. The Cotas have three grown children: Alberto, who lives and works in Stamford, CT; Guillermo, who lives and works in Sao Paulo, Brazil; and married daughter Victoria who "fortunately for us," says Mel, "lives in Mexico City and is expecting our first grandchild in July." Over the years Mel has had jobs teaching English, translating for an engineering firm, and helping her husband in his dental practice. Her mother, who is now 92, moved to Mexico to live with the Cotas ten years ago, after the death of Mel's father. Mel has recently taken up yoga, which she feels has enriched her life. Mel reminisces about her years at SBC, which she says "seem to belong to a completely different life." She remembers much studying, much French (on the French corridor), and much dance. In May 1999, Mel was delighted when her three roommates **Beth Hunt Alcott**, **Mimi Vogt Macht**, and **Eileen Stroud Clark** attended her daughter's wedding. The four later had a mini-reunion in Cancun. Mel also keeps in touch with dear friend **Sally McCrady Hubbard**. Mel mentions that mail is still not dependable in Mexico, but her e-mail address is: 103703.37@compuserve.com.

On a very sad note, word has reached me of the sudden passing in Nov., 2000, of William Ponzer, husband of **Neill Myers Ponzer**. The Ponzers had just moved to Bowling Green, KY, to be near Neill's mother and sister, but both her mother and sister also died shortly after her arrival. I know I speak for all of us when I extend to Neill our heartfelt sympathy on these painful losses. Her new address is: 1603 Scottsville Rd., Bowling Green, KY, 42104.

And all who read this will be greatly distressed to learn of the tragic loss to **Saralyn McAfee Smith** and her husband Hamp of their 16-year-old son Robbie. Robbie was a high school sophomore, and Saralyn writes that he died unexpectedly, following a brain seizure, on March 15, 2000. I know our entire class shares their grief, and the Smith family will remain in our hearts and prayers. Their address is: 1104 Shira St., Oodges City, KS, 67801. Saralyn also writes that in spring,

2001, Hamp will be retiring from his position as director of the Special Education Program. Daughter Laura is now working as a teacher's aide at the Sixth Grade Center in Dodge City, while Saralyn delights in taking care of Laura's 16-month-old daughter Sierra. In Aug., 2000, Saralyn and baby Sierra drove alone across the country, visiting friends and family, and Saralyn had the joy of introducing Sierra to the North Carolina beach (which the baby loved!) at an annual family reunion.

The SBC Alumnae Office sent a clipping from the Greenwich (CT) Time, dated Jan. 17, 1999, announcing the marriage of **Mal Leslie Welch** to William Francis Costa. The article informs us that Mal is a sales development director in NYC and former associate publisher of *Discover* magazine. Her husband is chief pilot for Texaco Aviation in White Plains, NY, and the Costas live in Riverside, CT.

Another clipping, from The Augusta (GA) Chronicle, dated June 29, 1998, tells of the best-selling book entitled *Over Here*, by Raymond Seitz, former American ambassador to the Court of St. James and husband of **Caroline Richardson Seitz**. The book, which gives the author's insights on Great Britain and its relationship with the United States, was number two on the nonfiction bestseller list in Great Britain.

As for me, I moved to Washington, DC, in 1999, when my husband Dick became the vice president and general manager of *The Washington Times*, (the smaller, conservative DC daily). Challenges included moving two enormous Great Danes all the way from Montgomery, AL, and learning to survive in outrageous traffic. But the happiest part of the move was finding a house just minutes away from roommate **Janet West Garrett** and her wonderful husband Darryl. Janet's extraordinary artistic gift has only increased over the years, and her decorating skills have transformed my house into a home. We get together often, and her quick wit and cherished camaraderie are a constant source of delight. In May 2000, Janet and I had the joy of welcoming to Washington our two New Orleans roommates, **Dana Reinschmidt Tompkins** and **Jeannie McIntosh**. It was our first four-roommate reunion since Graduation Day! Festivities included much hilarity, food, and even a slumber party! The following Sept., Janet and I invaded New Orleans and spent an inordinate amount of time shamelessly sampling the goods in the Tompkins family's irresistible French Quarter store, Southern Candymakers. (Call 1-800-344-9773 for a catalog of their prize-winning pralines and exquisite chocolates, made fresh daily!) Then Jeannie treated us to a marvelous tour of plantation houses along the River Road, including an overnight stay at elegant Madewood Plantation.

All right, that's it. (Are you still there?) I'm out of news, words, and time. Many thanks to all those who sent me news, and I'll hope to hear from the rest of you the next time. You may send me your news at any time, and I shall save it for our next issue. My mailing address is: 5012 Tilden St., NW, Washington, DC, 20016, and my e-mail address is: BeverAmb@AOL.com. Best wishes to all!

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Vicky Baker was on a Fulbright Grant in S Africa; lectured at U of S Bohemia; visited Namibia, Madagascar and U.A.E.; taught at U of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and promoted to full professor at Eckerd College. **Ginny Stanley Douglas** and Bill visited Babette Fraser Hale '65 and husband in Santa Fe, and enjoyed Bill's Air Force Academy 35th reunion. Ginny worked on Bush's campaign, Sacramento's Samaritan Counseling Center and her house.

Peggy Minis Trethewey's been traveling, volunteering, and dividing time between Sausalito and Lake Tahoe homes. **Gene King Leyden** opened a dance studio/performance space in Ashland, OR and attended a dance conference in Canada with the Magraders who teach at SBC. **Leilani Green Gordon** and Ron celebrated their 28th anniversary. Their son was married in VT. Tarl and his wife work for IBM in Burlington. Amy is 13. **Susan Soriero Galbreath** is in San Antonio and enjoys their house on LBJ Lake. They have a grandson (2), 2 more due in spring, and a son at Texas A&M. **Stephanie Lucas Harrison** practices law, primarily commercial real estate, and attends ballet classes for fun. David married his college sweetheart after they graduated from RISD. He's creative director of a local ad agency. Charlie is a freshman at U of TX. Best wishes to **Gail Robins O'Quin** who married Bill O'Quin, her high school love. Bill has an inspirational/educational email business, <http://YourDailyInBox.com>. Gail is the DailyInBox Lady. **Barb Tillman Kelley** and Carlton are empty nesters. Darcy is getting her masters in animal reproductive physiology. Dave is in the restaurant business. Trey is at Birmingham Southern. **Julie Bodin Converse** helped son, Chris, get settled in his new Dallas apartment during the summer heat wave. **Emily Chenoweth Steedman** and Billy love their 1920 "fish camp" near Amelia Island, FL. **Eleanor Crossley** and Jim enjoy tennis and sailing in FL. While she was visiting her daughter in TX, her sons gave her a red convertible for her 65th birthday. After 33 years, **Dixie Anne Thompson Hanes** retired from Bank of

America and is working with a venture capital finance Internet start up. David retired from the Emory Medical School faculty. Their oldest daughter is teaching at Mt. Kenya Academy in Nyeri, Kenya. Katharine is at UGA. **Lynn Lyle's** an elementary school counselor working with play therapy techniques. She visits Jacksonville to keep up with family and friends and her goddaughter at Duke. **Page Munroe Renger** is at the Charlotte Jr. League office learning new computer skills. In Hawaii, Page and her sister went parasailing, snorkeling and cycling down a volcano. **Janie Willingham McNabb** had 2 weddings last year and 2 more grandchildren this year. She juggles several jobs, her church's mothers group and gardening. **Beth Glaser Morchower's** son, Todd, was married June 10th in Fredericksburg. **Lisa Braden Moody**, her son Brugh, and husband, Jim, visited. Beth has a new job as Sr. Financial Analyst with GE Financial Assurance, and went with SBC to Tuscany. **Susan Jester Jenkins** is in Richmond. One son is a junior at U of TN in Knoxville and the oldest is returning to computer technical school. Susan has a 3-year old specialty advertising business. In memory of her mother, **Carroll Randolph Barr** and Mike raised \$35,000 to redo the tennis court at Blessed Sacrament Huguenot where she teaches. Carroll went to Pine Needles for Peggy Kirk Bell's golf school. Michael is in NYC and Angus is back at home working and playing music. Empty nesters, **Hallie Darby Smith** and Al look forward to traveling. Fred graduated from Hampden-Sydney and is working in Alexandria. Allison married a law school classmate and moved to Chicago. **Baird Shinberger Bell** and Bill celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Nova Scotia and PEI. David is a resident at Walter Reed and Steve is following his true calling in the arts. **Lynn Gullett Strazzini** reports little change with the FAA. Personally, it's been a year of change and new social horizons. **Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe** traveled to Venice, Salzburg, Vienna and Prague with Richard Bland College, to Bermuda with neighbors and to Olympic National Park with biology students. **Karen Schwabenton Shipper** and John continue reclaiming their Warrenton, VA farm, raising teenage boys and adjusting to southeastern life after 24 years in CO. Good news from **Stephanie Ewalt Coleman** whose back is much improved. Les and Holly moved to their first house. Brandon is a freshman music major at VA Commonwealth U and in class with **Sally Twedell Bagley's** daughter, A. T. **Kat Barnhardt Chase** and Bob welcomed grandson, Holden this year. Kat and her younger daughter traveled to France. As a parish nurse, Kat's working on a program to help Amherst Co. residents connect with area resources. **Norvell Jones** has been with the

National Archives since 1984. As chief of the archives' document conservation laboratory, she is restoring the Declaration of Independence. **Lynn Frazier Gas** reports that her closet looks better since she started representing 2 clothing lines. Arielle, 13, is looking at day and boarding schools. With both kids on the east coast, **Toni Naren Gates** and Bud spent more time at their Adirondacks summerhouse. In Wichita, Toni is busy with the Art Museum and Stage One. Tennis, book clubs and bridge fill in the gaps when not traveling. **Betsy Kurtz Argo** and Jim are planning retirement in northern Michigan to enjoy snow and a big fireplace. **Anderson Carl Beard** has been teaching for 30 years and Charlie's taught singing for 33 years. They celebrated 33 years together. She visited her younger son, a teacher in the Cayman Islands. Her older son has taught engineering since receiving his Ph.D. **Glory McRea Bowen's** daughter, Glo, is directing and stage managing. T. J., a 10th grader, loves computers and drums. Glory sings with 2 groups and performs in small concerts. **Adele Laslie Kellman's** son, Simon, graduated from Kenyon College and lives in Columbus, OH. Allison is majoring in Radio, TV and Film at Northwestern. Paul and Adele are contemplating retiring from their current careers to something different. **Anne Carr Bingham** is in her 2nd year in the Wesleyan graduate program and continuing the study of early English history. Kim is chairman of the Salem Recreation Commission, and Ann is a Salem justice of the peace. They celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. **Jill Berguido Gill** loves her tutoring business, gardening, caring for her various animals and serving on the Agnes Irwin Alumnae Board. Jill's mom, SBC '28, celebrated her 94th birthday. Bruce, Curator of Harriton House, keeps a horse and 2 sheep on the 20-acre property. **Judy Hay Speary** reports her kids are all doing well. Bill and Judy continue sailing and head south to FL and the Bahamas via the ICW. **Pam Sullivan Livingston** and Curt moved from Pasadena to Nantucket Island and are enjoying the change of pace, gardening and new friends. Son, Will, lives in NYC and daughter, Molly, lives in LA. **Maria Wiglesworth Hemmings'** daughter, Emery, graduated from St. Lawrence U. She did a NOLS semester and loves the out of doors. Anne, a sophomore at Hamilton, loves the snow. After leaving NASDAQ for the American Institute for Foreign Study, Maria now works for a dot com as a Product Manager. Jeff and Maria went to Italy to celebrate their 25th anniversary a year late. **Gracey Stoddard** is Executive Director, and only full-time employee, of Church Club of NY. Her new endeavor is golf. Last winter she skied in Zermatt. She's studying Italian again, trying to pick up where Professor di Firenze left off. She saw

Bonnie Blew Pierie and Tim before they head to Florida for the winter. **Linda Fite's** having a great time with her cushy, low-paying, part-time job and interviewed Sandra Bernhard, who was amazingly decent and straightforward. Linda saw a bald eagle at a hawk watch and went to India with her sister. **Pam Ford Kelley** sold her business to Lillian Vernon. She signed a management contract to continue with Rue de France and says the changes have been interesting. Rue will continue selling French home furnishings with marketing and manufacturing in Newport, and Pam will continue traveling to Paris. **Mary Cary Ambler's** son, John, graduated from UVA and is an assistant producer at Fox News in Manhattan. Jaqueline is at Boston U. Mary Cary traveled to Australia and China in the last year. **Judi Bensen Stigle** is chairman of the Board of VNA Services in New Haven County and on the Board for Madison Country Club. She had a mini-reunion with **Bonnie Blew Pierie** and **Ginny Young Phillips**, and a great trip to Ireland. Judi is doing a wonderful job as Alumnae Association VP for Reunions and will be in charge of our 35th reunion in '02. The Alumnae Association has asked me to be the next Board President. It's an honor and thrill to work with the SBC community. My term begins July '01, so I'm counting on everyone's support at our 35th reunion. Please be there. For unabridged class notes and any news, email me at dbdallan@execpc.com.

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Barbara Baur Dunlap: Probably the most amazing discovery of 2000 for me was that Jeanne Preston's husband, Stephen Jacobs (about whom she has been telling our class) is the #1 laparoscopic kidney transplant doctor in the world. Jeanne talks about him lecturing worldwide. Well, he was my kidney donation doctor and I didn't realize it till I read about him in the SBC News!! I'm recovering nicely from his surgery. [Barbara donated her kidney to her brother] Charlie and I are looking forward to becoming grandparents in February 2001. We are finally empty-nested after 31 years of kids at home and find it very agreeable. Chas and I are doing a lot of lecturing on strengthening marriages and other topics on the family. All fine out here after a harrowing 2000.

Ann Biggs Jackson: We're still rais-

ing horses, hoping for our Secretariat! A quiet year...spent 2 weeks in Saratoga Springs last summer. Off to St. Kitt's in February to get a taste of warm weather. Daughter Cary in Boulder, CO – editorial assistant at Geological Society of America. Daughter Win is in Boston working for a Swedish firm that places foreign students in American colleges and universities. I continue to be busy as Secretary of the Board of Trustees at Ladew Topiary Gardens. And of course trying to get my own gardens organized! I see **Anne Kinsey Dinan** in New York occasionally.

Lesley Bissell Hoopes: I continue to be busy at The Metropolitan Museum doing four tours and in my last year as Tour Chairman – hurrray! The intrepid sailor, Toby, had quite an adventure in November when sailing from Ireland to the States – losing his mast and all rigging 2 days from Bermuda. Luckily, no one was hurt. We had a calmer sail with friends in July, spending 2 weeks along the west coast of Scotland. Son Bud, age 29, continues to love southern California and has moved from being concierge to the front desk at the Hotel La Jolla. Daughter Elliott, age 22, graduates from Denison U. in May. Interested in art history, she worked at Christie's in N.Y. over the summer, and may be headed for Chicago after graduation.

Susan Bokan: Let's see. Living in wonderful historic, Victorian Saratoga Springs, NY. I continue to rehabilitate and manage a number of Victorian apartments. Just returned from an excellent Nile River trip and Sinai Desert visit. Just taken up tennis and sailboat racing. Why did I wait so long? Visted with **Bunny Church**, and **Christina Bacchiani Schieffelin** and **Linda Fite**.

Stephanie Bredin Speakman: Enjoying having a grandson, Booker, who turned one in November. His mother, my daughter, Tavi Hyland Jones, class of '96, lives with her husband Corky in New Orleans – always a fun place to visit! Still making a couple of trips a year to Australia, where the restaurant is going strong. Went over with husband Bill to watch our nephew compete in 3 Day Eventing. He won a gold...for Australia.

Katey Buster: The most exciting thing I've done in the past two years was an attempt to summit Mt. Rainier, WA, in August '99. I trained a lot for it the previous summer, since it is known as "the hardest endurance climb in the lower 48" (Denali, or Mt. McKinley, of course, is the exception). Climbing to base camp (4000' from the foot) was easy and the weather was beautiful. However, a storm with 60 mph winds came up as we started our ascent in total darkness at 2 p.m. We were having a true mountaineering experience, all roped together with our ice axes, small rocks hurtling through the air, and jumping over crevasses. Every one

of the approximately 50 people on the mountain turned back at about 11,500'. I may go back again in the near future to try this mountain which keeps 50% from summiting by reason of bad weather! I also plan to climb the Grand Teton, WY this summer which is a technical rock climb. Hope all is well.

Helen Butler Cato: This is the start, I hope, of some reconections with the Class of '68. From 1969-1994, I lived in England. I worked in publishing, in radio journalism and, once I had children, in my own catering business, pre-school dance class and other enterprises fitting my family's needs. In 1994 my husband, Michael, and I and my youngest daughter came to live in MA. Between us, Michael and I have seven children. He now has 5 grandchildren. Emily is still the only one living in the U.S. I work with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder within the public school system. I love it and feel fortunate. I would thoroughly enjoy hearing from anyone and do hope to make contact with individuals soon. Best wishes!

Laura Campbell Walker: Life is busy but good – still "headmastering" – I moved up to an Episcopal high school here in Miami- 600 students keep me on my toes! Also serve on the National Board for Episcopal Schools. Our 3 children all graduated from college (Hallelujah!) and working – in Atlanta, D.C., and Maine. My husband, Bill, still "lawyering". Life is full, and we are blessed with wonderful family and friends.

Mary Cantey Dunn: [information derived from article "A Dunn Deal" in EW: Mary joined Entertainment Weekly in 1990 as picture editor.] "EW is thriving, in no small part due to the award-winning photographic style that Dunn – with her brisk, can-do attitude – brought to its pages. She's been so central to our success, we're still a bit shocked to realize that Mary is hanging up her photo loupe and retiring. 'I hit 30 years', she says of her tenure at Time Inc., 'and that was plenty.'" Mary began her career at *Time* in 1969 as photo researcher. Five years later she joined *People*, soon becoming its picture editor. Mary lives in Manhattan with her husband, Toby, an ad executive. Daughter Muffie is in TV production.

Marguerita Chandler Riggall: I was so distressed to hear of Coo Prettyman's death. Do you know what happened? [answer: no, but maybe one of our classmates does?] I am still with Susie Glasgow Brown (SBC '64) at Harpeth Realtors in Nashville. Husband George and I nearing end of fixing up a 1928 Tudor when we celebrated Xmas with paper plates and rental furniture! Our children are: Luke, internal medicine intern at J. Hopkins; Gavin, Boston architect; Jean, Vanderbilt Master's in Nursing program and engaged to an Army Lt. Ranger she met at U.VA. Daughter Anneliese

and husband Dave recently moved to Nashville with our smashing 18 month old granddaughter, Madeleine.

Percy Clarke Gwinn: We have moved from our "country" estate to the "city" of Alexandria (VA) into a "city home"! My new address is 154 Martin Lane, Alexandria, VA 22304, phone 703-567-6055. The Beehive web site (www.beehivegifts.com) is still up and running so we are happy about that. Discovered last Spring that Sally Lawrence is now the Office Manager where I have my business mail sent...we sort of stared at each other for a while trying to decide how we knew each other! Husband Michael is still with Legg Mason, and son William is working on his Masters in Pathology from Duke. Hope all is going great for you...Cheers!

Katherine Cooley Maher: Big news in the Maher family this year. Our son Alexander will marry Macye Kinsey in Jackson Hole, WY, on Aug. 4. They will continue to live in Jackson where Alexander specializes in brokering fly fishing properties. Our daughter, Maggie, will marry T.J. Wagner on Sept. 22nd in Mobile, AL, and they will reside in Washington, D.C. Our son, Colby, continues his neurosurgery residency in Cincinnati.

Mary Donaldson De Figard: Enjoying life in Los Gatos, CA, with husband of 26 years and 2 cats who have discovered Peacock feathers. Working with 3 primary care MDs within walking distance of house and hospital. I forgot how to drive on the Freeway! Belong to Los Medicos Voladores and every 18 months go to Mexico with Mexican doctors in training to see patients together (no insurance or paperwork hassles!).

Yours truly, **Lynne Gardner Detmer:** Jim and I had good times and bad in 2000. After my father's death just after Christmas, there was a year's worth of work to do to help with estate stuff. My twin brother and I are now the proud owners of his working Highlands Farm in Keene, NY. A beautiful 1800 acres in the Adirondacks. Oh my, how to run a farm long distance? Adornings (my jewelry, art glass, and fine crafts store) takes up huge amounts of time...but I love being in the business. Took on the presidency of our 100 voice Williamsburg Choral Guild this summer (for two years), big job! Jim and I took a wonderful repositioning cruise on the Wind Song (Wind Star Cruise Line) from Nice to Athens late last spring, enjoying every relaxing and informative minute. We enjoy our five children and Jim's four grandchildren, with too little time for good visiting. Probably time for a long hard look at how I, for one, am managing my time. I want and need to spend more time with family and friends, and have more time at the "Farm". But, in spite of time crunches, we are healthy... and wiser, tempered by time, duties, and events. I would truly like to reestablish

contact with classmates, unfettered by deadlines! Hope that you are all well and happy. Please contact me via e-mail anytime (also easier for class notes!!!). Remember that you can mail me anytime now, with no space constraints in the Magazine. Class notes will be printed in each issue.

Sara Granath from Tullinge, Sweden: Some notes from the northern provinces. What can I tell you? I am working as an assistant professor in literature and drama at a new university college nearby. For the first time in many years I can actually walk to work, if I feel up to it. And for us Swedes, that's not an unusual thing to do. Last semester one of my students was a 72-year old woman, living close to me, who actually walked there and back. I always take the bus home after a day's work. I also work as a theatre critic, a job that I actually enjoy more. I still like the theatre and I like to write about it. My job takes me on trips sometimes, mostly inside Sweden. My trips abroad are usually connected to participation in International Theatre Conferences. It's a very special feeling, for instance, to walk the streets of Lyon, France, and suddenly run into Alexander Chepurov of St Petersburg, Russia, whom I have met in Stockholm, Moscow, Montreal and Tel Aviv before.... So each conference means meeting old friends and making new ones. I still have a brother in Santa Rosa, California. But nowadays I only meet him in Sweden, when he visits in the summer with his American wife and his two bilingual girls. My only year at Sweet Briar made a great impression on me, but still I haven't gone back. Maybe it's about time now, to see old friends in Washington, D.C., and take a trip to the old campus. I hope it is still beautiful!

Libby Harvey: Summer 2001 notes will be history, so here they are: Libby and John Fitzgerald will be married on April 28, 2001. Wow—is he a lucky guy! Yes, and she is also in heaven. Lots of wonderful laughs, love, and adventure. We decided to wait until 2001 because we had both been married in the previous millennium.... [Secretary's note: Libby continues as President of Alpha Laboratories, now a division of Eurofins Scientific, Inc.]

Jacqueline Israel Blakeslee: We now have all our children married, and have 5 wonderful grandchildren. It is a great time of life.

Laura Ives Braun: This past year has been eventful both personally and professionally. We are in the process of adopting two children from Russia, and I incorporated my business – The Barbour Institute – which is an integrative approach to women's health. We have a terrific location south of Dupont Circle, and home is in Georgetown.

Frances Kirven Morse: Hanging in there! After attending a "Now what do you really want to be when you grow up" workshop, I decided to leave the academic world. I just started a new

position as Computer Education Program Director at the Brookline (MA) Senior Center! Just call me Granny Geek! I never would have imagined myself doing this! But it's a brand new building, with a state-of-the-art computer lab, a great supportive staff, and lots of amazing seniors who want to be included in the technological world we find ourselves in. The position involves teaching, designing curriculum, and managing the equipment... and it's a 10 minute commute from my Newton house! Fast-paced but fun!

Jennie Lyons Fogarty: I thought I'd e-mail so you could start collecting e-mail addresses. We may already have a list from the last reunion, but I don't have one (I'd love one if it exists). I'm already looking forward to May 2003 and getting together again. Our oldest daughters both married last year—if you've heard this before, stop me!—2 weddings in 8 months is more than enough. Anne and husband Raymond are both actors in Chicago and are making a go of it. Kate and husband David live here in Washington—she is a first grade teacher (I take back every negative thing I ever said about my kids' teachers) and he is still in school working towards a career in medicine. Son Patrick graduated from Syracuse last May and rises every morning at 4:30 to produce a show on a local radio station. He's also a swim and baseball coach for Georgetown Day School. Meg is struggling through 11th grade and the college search. John has gone out on his own as a public affairs consultant and I've just started a new job as program director for a local community center which is lots of fun. Many changes for the Fogarty family. Aside from the kid stuff, the highlight of this last year for me was a 3-day walk of 60 miles to raise money for breast cancer research. I've registered again along with daughter Kate and just started training. I hope everyone is well and I look forward to reading the news of our classmates.

Linda Mallon Krulwich: [postcard received with this information...no name, but Linda is the only one of us in Ridgefield...] We moved to a new address: 212 Saint Johns Rd., Ridgefield, CT 06877. It's an old 240 year old home in need of restoration. Children: Mike, a senior; Josh, a junior studying in Israel for the year; and Jonathan, Ph.D. candidate at Chapel Hill. And we're the same.

Penny Oliver Hawkins: Wonderful year for me; Did my Christmas Shopping in Paris with a friend. Children are well and settled: Liz is in Chicago (Media relationship SHRAM); Miles is Deputy District Attorney in Durango, CO. After the holidays, I had the "Fifties Female" surgery. Am recuperating and enjoying the time at home. This is my first long term break in seventeen years. It makes one contemplate retirement! Visits with Suzanne Little and Libby Harvey are

planned for the new year; We will meet at our house in Montana. Hope all is well with you.

Ann Peterson Griffin: I have no news of general interest. We're just glad to be here and kicking.

Pamela Post: I'm having a great year! I'm remarried to a really wonderful and kind man who's a news executive producer. We are living in Cambridge, MA. Kristin Kuhns and Pam Browning were at my wedding. I see Pam a lot these days and also keep in touch with Addie Russo. I'm doing Advanced Graduate Study in Expressive Therapies, leading writing groups, and working with women with cancer one-to-one as a writing guide. I'm also writing two books and feeling quite blessed. My daughter was on the Olympic Team last year and some classmates from Sweet Briar helped finance the final leg of that journey. It was a terrific experience for her and I'm grateful to my Sweet Briar friends.

Marianne Schultz Galt: Since I do have some news, I thought that I would e-mail you. Husband Sandy and I moved to Manhattan last January. We live in a very small apartment (with our 2 dogs!) on 57th & 1st, near Sutton Place. Sandy has taken a new job at TIAA-CREF, which he is really enjoying. After 25 years in residential real estate sales, I have retired and do miss my old friends and cohorts from work. However, we are having a ball living in the city, walking everywhere and loving being in an urban environment like New York and all it has to offer. Our daughter Farrell (25 years) also lives and works in advertising in the city. After teaching school for several years in England and St. Louis, our son Scott (28 years) is in his second year in graduate school at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in DC. Their proximity to us has made this move so much more fun and complete. I recently saw Vicki Chainski Verity ('66) up here. Her daughter Vivi lives near Union Square and works for a special events planning company. Vicki and husband John have just moved from Evanston to Chicago and are also loving their urban life. It was great fun to see her. Hope all is well.

Julie Seibels Northup: I do have news! As of January 1, I joined a Decatur law firm, Thompson, Rollins, Schwartz & Borowski LLC, that specializes in employment discrimination and civil rights litigation. My boys—husband and two sons—are all thriving in their respective jobs: Fred is President of Athletes for a Better World; Fred Jr. working on Xbox games at Microsoft with weekend performances as a member of Seattle Theatre Sports; and Temple is a Production Assistant with Warner Brothers. Fred and I are especially enjoying singing in the Atlanta Community Jazz Chorus and finally living close enough to visit our families over holidays. Last New Year's Eve I

was delighted to run into Suzanne Edinger Boas after 30-plus years (she hasn't changed a whit!), and I've seen her once since then. I see or speak with former roomie Ann Webster fairly often, too. I regularly run into SBC alumni here — quite a change from Seattle!

Suzanne Torgan Weston: I'm still doing rocket flight software testing as a subcontractor for Lockheed Martin. Steve completed renovating a 100-year old Victorian house, and it is under contract. He and his partner are now building a new Victorian house. We drove around Scotland for two weeks in Sept., and loved it even more the second time. Our family is fine; our 13-year old grandson is taller than I am, and still growing. The dog and two cats still run the house.

Sandy Waters: I'm well and quite happy. I'm still (8 years) doing child abuse cases in Jefferson County, CO. I'm still singing regularly around the country and locally in a parody/satire group of lawyers and judges called "The Burden of Spoof." I'm still riding at dressage shows (probably the oldest rider there). The only new thing is that I got married on Oct. 15, 2000 (1st time) to a retired JAG officer (Colonel ret. USA) and we're having fun motorcycling—new sport to me—and doing some competitive shooting.

Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp: This year makes 20 years that I have been at CDC doing research in developmental disabilities—and I still love it! I have always managed to do some clinical work as well, which is great! Ralph is still in private practice (psychologist). Tim (age 24) received his masters degree from the London School of Economics 12/00, and Whitney (age 20) is coming up on her senior year at Emory! I am humbled by Sweet Briar's recognition of me as part of the Centennial Celebration.

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The women of '70 are hard charging into the new millennium – you go girl! **Margaret Arnold Jackson** finally received her doctorate in education from GA Southern. She is an asst. principal in Macon; recently married Meg lives in Dallas. James studies furniture design and husband Jim brokers commercial real estate. Margaret catches up with **Lawson Calhoun Kelly** at the grocery. Congratulations to **Barbara Brewster** on her marriage to Frank Brent and move to a 110-acre farm in Henry Cty, KY. Barbara is asst. principal at local high school; Brewster is a junior at College of Charleston and daughter Pritchett has her eyes on the Air Force Academy. **Candace Buker Chang** went to reunion and watched baby Sonia graduate from UVA and

return to Boston as a legislative aide. Jeannie teaches in Northern Va, and Candace continues as Director of Child & Family services for a large non-profit in Boston. She escapes the stress of work with friends in a triple-decker they have been rehabilitating. Look for **Kathy Cummings Callin's** 1st book, "Leading at the Speed of Growth: Journey from Entrepreneur to CEO"! Kathy consults w/ high tech CEOs and Chip is CFO of a Boston based Bio-tech. Jack graduated from UVA and Reed is studying engineering at UVA. **Stuart Davenport Simrill** returned to work as a Medic specialist in a school located in public housing – a job she characterizes as "challenging and rewarding." Spenser is rector at St Luke's in Atlanta, son Spenser is finishing his PhD at UGA, Helen researches colleges and Stephen is in Junior High. The Simrills have been backpacking around Europe, Egypt & Israel. **Betsy Edwards Anderson** is an "empty nester." Charlie is working in NYC, Claire in Atlanta and Caroline is at UNC-Chapel Hill. Albuquerque based **Ann Gateley**, MD has 75 residents in training under her wing, as well as her position in internal medicine. Gateley pursues her interest in Sports Medicine and completed her 18th Marathon! Ran, probably literally, into fit and happy Bill & **Lorie Harris Amass**. Good thoughts to **Frances Gravelly** in Chapel Hill as she "swirls through one of those character building years." Haig is valiantly fighting rectal cancer and her house, under construction for 2 years, will finally be finished 12/2000. Vietri, their family Italian import business thrives as do the kids at UNC CH and Ga Tech. Annapolis based **Louise Hayman** completed her job as director of MD's Millennium Commission and is Director of Communications for MD State Controller. **Kris Herzog** is doing publications for U of FL business school. Her niece transferred into SBC and she is praying for her brother in his cancer struggle. **Sue Holbrook** has 2 married daughters, the youngest at W&L Law. Sue teaches and sells real estate in the DC area.

You might see **Elsa Jones Forter** cruising along the New England coast in their 36 ft. sailboat! After 25 yrs, Elsa has left the healthcare industry and savors the rewards of nursery school teaching! After 10 mo. in El Salvador, daughter Alexandra works in Chicago for an organization that supports the immigrant community and her son is at Colgate on the Washington Study program. **Debbie Jones** roams the country reviewing medical residency programs. **Page Kjellstrom** started the millennium with a new house and a new job, Director of Events, World Presidents' Organization. Travels to India, Italy, Russia & Canada where she had a fun reunion with **Tricia Mast George**. Page also hooked up with **Louise Bilbro Connell** in Nantucket.

Barbara LaLance Kelly and Terry still live in Albany. They have a daughter at U of MI law school and another in her junior year at U of NH. **Fran Griffith Laserson** had the thrill of attending the listing breakfast at the NYSE as SVP of communications for her Moody's spin-off. A diehard New Yorker, Fran sees lots of **Mary Jane Hipp Brock** and **Pat Swinney Kaulman** whose daughter, Lisbeth is her god-child. Godmother to Maisie Cunningham, daughter of Carter Burns '71, Fran reflects that the best parts of SBC in her life are the connection with "these amazing young women." Stew and **Lucy Lombardi Evans'** daughters Elizabeth, 15, and Morgan, 13, are keeping them busy with their myriad activities in Colorado. Advanced sailing courses off the coast of MA filled this summer. A personal trainer, running and cycling keeps Lucy fit. We all keep **Elizabeth McKee Werlinich** in our thoughts and prayers as she continues fighting a rare form of cancer. Doug has retired and they have moved from the city to the fresh country air of Southampton Long Island. Estee Lauder, her employer of 20 years, has hired an assistant for Elizabeth to take over some of her Far East travel. **Kim Mitchell Bethea** writes from Madison, WI that they are about to embark on college visits to both coasts with Emily. Kim is busy with photography, information systems management, and, after 8 years, a draft of her dissertation. **Denise Mullen** is new Associate Dean of the Corcoran College of Art's B.F.A. program. Denise previously was chair of the art department at New Jersey City University and visiting professor at Pratt Institute. **Barbara Olcott Mathieson** has cut back her teaching to 2/3 time at Southern Oregon University. As Anna-Rose starts law school and Skye heads off to Stanford, Barbara anticipates a "new spaciousness in my life and quiet moments with husband Tom and myself." **Bonnie Palmer McCloskey's** family of 6 spent Aug. in Jerusalem & Egypt. Bonnie & her book club took in England and 7 Shakespeare plays. Her brood of 4 are all back studying or working in CO. Tom's busy w/real estate "adventure capital." Bonnie is active in women's foundation of CO, the Aspen Institute and started a women's speaker luncheon series. If that weren't enough, the McCloskeys are building a vacation home in Kauai. **Mary Jo Petree Murphy's** last child is out of college. Their daughter is practicing law in Grand Junction, CO and Will is in graphic design school in Atlanta. Frank still practices law and Mary Jo is busy with her volunteer activities. She catches up with **Katy Lou Warren Towers** several times a year. **Marcia Pollock** sold her retail business and travels whenever she can. Craig is at SMU and Will works in commercial printing with his father. **Betty Rau Santandrea** moved to Clifton Park NY where Bob

accepted a position as patent attorney at GE's R&D Center. Sara graduated from Bowdoin and is teaching Biology at a boarding/day school in NH and Matt is a freshman at Duke. Her eldest son is still a freelance video editor in NYC. Betty is unpacking, volunteering at the local senior center and raising a black chow-chow. **Kate Schleich** has logged in 20 years in the anti-trust division of the Dept of Justice. You'll find Kate on the prowl for antique political cartoons on trusts and monopolies – she has 600 so far! DC based **Elizabeth Smith** continues putting together high tech deals with venture capital firms. Vacation this year takes Elizabeth to England, Scotland and the French Riviera to celebrate common birthdays with Holly Smith '72. **Katy Warren Towers** and Charlie have been enjoying their blessings and traveling extensively. Three weeks around South America, Machu Picchu and Easter Island is a favorite. The ever morphing world of high tech keeps me challenged as companies, including my own, scramble to reposition themselves in this fast market. I travel DC – Detroit, and NE to support my partners and sales teams in the government market. My mother stayed with me to recuperate from serious heart surgery and my 3 boxers assure life is never too quiet. **Terri Eoff Walsh** was in Philadelphia briefly with one of her classes so we were able to steal a quick visit! Years have not diminished the strength of the connection – it was such a treat!

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By the time you are reading this, our thirtieth reunion will be over and we will have had the wonderful opportunity to see each other and visit in person. I've no doubt we were a fun-lovin', good-lookin', accomplished and renowned group! I would like, first of all, to issue thanks to Jacque for serving as our wonderful and inspirational Class President for the past five years. I have received much news and, since we class secretaries no longer have a word limit (hooray, hooray!!), I'm going to try to relate as much as possible to you. **Frances Barnes Kennamer** (Montgomery, AL) is getting close to retirement from the State Health Department. She intends to play more golf and spend more time with her daughter, who is now driving. Husband Seabie is also contemplating retirement. They visited Alaska for their twenty-fifth anniversary. **Mary Bell Parks** (Loveland, CO) is very excited that she will be accompanying her two oldest children, Julia, 22, and Steve, 20, on a ten day trip to Egypt this

spring but is disappointed she will miss reunion. **Krisli Beltendorf** (Miami, FL) wishes she could report some amazing adventures other than the recounts that are still continuing. Her son, who is interested in aeronautical engineering, is starting college at Worcester Polytech this fall and her high school daughter is interested in cheerleading, dancing, drama, and singing. **Judy Brown Fletcher's** (Indianapolis, IN) daughter asked her what she wanted for her fiftieth birthday and Judy said "a wedding" so daughter Katie was married the day after Judy's birthday! Katie lives in California and is a copywriter/web content editor and her husband is a VP of Design for frogdesign, inc. Son Will graduated from Kenyon and is a graduate student of biological oceanography at Texas A & M. Husband Steve commutes between Indiana and the Florida wetlands. Judy is dyeing silk scarves and selling them and is beginning to do some jewelry design. She and Steve visited the Outer Banks for their thirtieth anniversary. **Cami Crocker Wodehouse** (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Chuck, and Carey flew to Australia in May, 2000, to meet up with son Charlie who had been working there. They traveled together for three weeks, chartering a sailboat, staying in the rainforest and visiting the outback. They thought it was a once-in-a-lifetime trip but their godson, living with Charlie, met an Australian girl and is getting married over there in April so back they go, stopping for a vacation in Kauai. Charlie is now working in Richmond for an investment banking company. Carey is a sophomore in college, pursuing a communications degree. Cami recently visited with several class of '72 members in North Carolina. **Louise Dempsey McKean** (Gilford, NH) reports she and Ted just celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in Bermuda. Daughter Molly is an attorney in Concord, daughter Margot is working for EF Education in Boston, and son Matthew is working in Costa Rica. She is doing title abstracting and translating for a local refugee family from Africa and husband Ted continues with his law practice. **Betty Duson** (Houston) reports all is well with her and her family. She looks forward to Sweet Briar's upcoming year of celebration. **Kathy Garcia Pegues'** (Warrenton, VA) daughter Emily graduated from SBC in '00 and is now working in an internet/computer firm. Son Adam is in his second year at the Naval Academy, currently 8th in his class. He ran the Marine Corps Marathon, placing 10th in his age group. Kathy is finishing up her last year as Alumnae Association President and has loved every minute. She sings Michela English's praises as Chairman of Sweet Briar's Board and encourages all of us to get involved. Kathy's husband John "retreated" from twenty-six years as a high school administrator and is now

working directly with kids again as a guidance counselor at the school where Kathy teaches. Enjoying mid-life is **Barbara Gracey Backer** (Delray Beach, FL) and husband Ron. They and their children, John, 15, David, 13, and Katie, 11, spend "blissful" summers in Beech Mountain, NC and Barbara is looking forward this fall to joining some friends for a walking, cooking trip to Tuscany. She says, "Life is good and I am blessed." **Sioux Greenwald** (Hoboken, NJ) keeps up with SBC classmates **Robi Randolph**, **Wendy Smith**, and **Val Murphey**. She's attending her goddaughter's (Dee Kysor's child) graduation from William & Mary reunion weekend but will "be with us in spirit." "All is well" with the family of **Linda Hill Krensky** (Rockville, MD). Her youngest of six will have a Bar Mitzvah in March and her oldest became a first time father in June, which she says takes her "to a whole new level." She also says "2001 promised more art collected by husband, Steve, and more getting rid of stuff to make room for it!" I received a newspaper clipping containing news of **Louise Jackson** (Shreveport, LA) who was appointed vice president and trust officer of City Bank & Trust of Shreveport. Congratulations to Louise! **Alison Jones** (Summerland, CA) received a master's degree in photography in December and is enjoying a busy photography career. She has also been accepted into the American Society of Media Photographers. A recent press release about her career states that Alison "documents third-world cultures, African wildlife and rural regions of Europe and the US. During a trip to Kenya, she photographed Masai wedding and circumcision rituals, and investigated newly-developed wildlife conservation and deforestation solutions . . ." Alison says she has a lovely rural 250-year-old stone cottage in NJ which serves as a retreat for her and her two daughters. **Claire Kinnett Tate** (Charlotte, NC) reports her husband of twenty-eight years, John, is still a banker with First Union, "keeping life lively with his NASCAR clients." Daughter Bright is a junior at Colorado College "majoring in Spanish, Italian, and snow boarding." Son Austin is a senior at The Lawrenceville School in NJ. The entire family spent New Year's in the Northwoods of Minnesota on "an absolutely splendid" parent/child outward bound course—camping, dog sledding, and cross-country skiing. She highly recommends it! I love **Marilyn Kolb's** (Lexington, MA) comments: "... still working, kids are playing soccer and loving it, the cat is trying to kill me, no major house projects (the first time in a long time), I still remember who I am and where I live." **Dee Kysor** (Manakin Sabot, VA) is still working as a small animal vet in the Richmond area and is music director at her church. She performs music and

story-telling with husband, George Craft, traveling all over the state performing at schools and libraries. Daughter Jennifer is a senior at William & Mary, majoring in philosophy and psychology. Her husband survived a terrible car wreck last summer but is doing well. The Sept., 2000 issue of the U.Va. Alumni News reported the appointment of E. Ashley Wills, who is the husband of **Gina Mancusi Wills**, as U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the Republic of Maldives. He had previously been deputy chief of mission in New Delhi, India. Not much has changed for **Lynne Manov Sprinsky** (Montoursville, PA)—she says same husband and kids but son Matt, 21, has a place of his own and she has two new bassets. Lots of church volunteer work plus her Mary Kay business and riding two horses a day keeps her hopping. Husband Bill got a new hip in '00 and is supposed to get the other one this spring. **Amanda Megargue Sutton** (Petersburg, VA) switched to teaching kindergarten three years ago and is happy with the change. Son Jamey will attend VCU to study photography and video. She continues to serve on the boards of the teams Jamey used to swim on. Amanda says she's "exploring what I might like to do when I'm not a full time mom any more." **Sherrill Marks Byrd** (Nashville, TN) keeps in touch with **Louise Archer Slater** and **Martha Stewart Crosland**. After working to get all the tax work in on time, her family skied and traveled to the Grand Caymans this year. Nelson, 20, is at Sewanee, and Hudson, 14, will start prep school in the fall. Sherrill will spend part of the summer in Monteagle Assembly, "always fun and rewarding." **Jill Minnema Worth** (Ridgewood, NJ) sent a copy of her Christmas newsletter which was full of family accomplishments. She and her husband have had grandchild #3. John has finished his doctorate in economics from USC and is working on high profile policy issues for the US Treasury Department. Marcia is a teacher in the North Caldwell School System but took a year off and was published in the NY Times Dp Ed page and NJ Monthly Magazine. David is still a professor of Renaissance English at Rutgers and is writing and publishing. He gave a paper at an international conference in Italy last spring. Husband Larry is Village Manager and Jill is still working as a church school director. Jill also keeps busy every year chairing the Ridgewood Fourth of July celebration (in '00 it attracted over 40,000 people) and she and Larry just purchased waterfront property near the Tides Inn in Irvington, VA where they intend to build. **Liz Mumford Wilson** (Hyannis Port, MA) sends greetings from "snowy Cape Cod." The biggest change in her life is her twelve years old son starting boarding school but she says

he is close enough for her to get to games and events. She is painting and traveling more and she marvels that they now "can go out to dinner at a minute's notice." **Wendy Norton Brown** (Richmond, VA) says nothing new to report—at the same preschool for seventeen years. Son David is a stockbroker in Richmond and son Chris graduates from JMU the weekend before reunion. After living in Boston for twenty-five years and San Francisco for five, **Jan Pridmore** has moved to Melbourne, FL to manage her father's business, electronic component distribution. She hopes "to figure out what those words mean." During reunion, she will be at their convention in Las Vegas looking at "little tray things with small wires coming out of them wondering what they are." **Ann Shipper Oates** (Rochester, NY) continues to work for Kodak in Investor Relations. Daughter Alison, SBC '99, works in Rochester for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Son T. K. lives in Chicago and has returned to graduate school at DePaul in e-commerce. Haven't heard from **Anne Sniffen Cates** (Center Valley, PA) in a while. Husband Ward teaches instructional design in the College of Ed. at Lehigh University. Anne is the lower school secretary at Moravian Academy. Daughter Katherine is a junior at Wake Forest. **Alix Sommer Smith** (Fredericksburg, VA) continues to recover from back surgery and she and her husband have had a Florida and Caribbean cruise vacation. She is supervisor of gifted with Stafford County, VA schools. I received **Sally Thorndike Shepherd's** (Sissonville, WV) card too late to include in last year's notes. She said, at that time, that she and husband, Tony, were still enjoying life out on the farm. Their youngest, Lida, is at U.C. Berkeley, rowing varsity crew. Son Chris is at Hamilton College, and older daughter Jane is at Brown. Sally is Director of the Kanawhe County Solid Waste Authority and manages the regional recycling facility. She raises and trains horses "for physical and mental fitness" and enjoys the annual fifty-mile competitive trail ride at the Homestead. **Beverly Van Zandt** (Shoreacres, TX) is in the boat business where she enjoys "being around the water and wearing shorts to work." She has two teenage daughters. **Mim Washabaugh Meglan** (Frederick, MD) and her sister purchased and are restoring a Federal period home in a neighboring village that's just been named to the National Register of Historic Places. She's moving her offices into the building and is very excited to have space to fill with American antiques. She reports more grueling travel demands than ever with her hedge fund business. **Wendy Weiss Smith** (Durham, NC) reports she, her husband's mother and sister, and her own mother had a wonderful trip to Peru. **Linda Whitlow Knight** (Nashville, TN) continues to practice

commercial and bankruptcy law and serve on the Tennessee Economic Council on Women. She is also President of the Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women. Although less active in politics than she used to be, she was an alternate delegate to the Republican Convention in Philadelphia and worked in the Bush-Cheney campaign. She and husband Dick attended the Inauguration. Linda also wrote a brief in a U. S. Supreme Court case contending that high school athletic associations are "state actors" and therefore cannot discriminate against female athletes. (Forgive me, Linda, if I did not summarize that correctly.) She went to Washington for the argument and hopes that the Court will have ruled by reunion time! Husband Dick continues to practice Law and serves as an arbitrator in complex civil-litigation, usually cases relating to the health care business. Daughter Katherine transferred to Vanderbilt Law School, will clerk in Richmond and Nashville this summer, and will be married in the Wren Chapel at the College of William and Mary in May. Daughter Elizabeth is completing SMU as a double-major in film and Italian and will graduate with honors. She will be a teaching assistant in Italy for the summer after she graduates. Another world traveler is **Anne Wiglesworth Munoz** (Salt Lake City, UT) who had a fantastic three-week trip to Australia. She and husband Milton "hiked nearly every day and saw wombats, kangaroos, emus, koalas, possums, wallabies, and heaps of birds in the wild." This year Milton's parents plan to visit them from Colombia. Milton teaches fifth grade. Anne is still batiking. Aliria, 16, is swimming and playing water polo. Maya, 19, is at Scripps College and also plays water polo. **Kathy Wilson Lamb** (Atlanta, GA) expresses disbelief that we've been out of SBC for thirty years! She says her recent high point was "writing the last college tuition check." Her children are 25 and 22. She and her husband are wishing for retirement in Virginia. **Denise Wisell O'Connor** (Longwood, FL) and husband Jim travel to Scotland every summer where they have two weeks of time share. This year they will also visit Copenhagen and Stockholm in addition to Monte Carlo and Paris which they will visit on business in the spring. Nesi had thirteen (!) Christmas trees in her house in '00 and adds a new one every year. The themes are determined, sometimes by country, by color and concept. **Beverly Wright Miller** (Lynchburg, VA) has taught for thirty years in the Lynchburg City Schools—Latin, English, and gifted enrichment. Daughter Katie is in seventh grade. Her husband is business manager for Krogers. Beverly spends her time reading, traveling, gardening, and plans on soon finishing at least one novel. **Barb Wuehrmann** (Green Valley, AZ) and husband Jim Palazzo continue their

semi-retirement, spending winters in Arizona and summers in Grand Rapids. She worked part time last summer for Johnson Controls in Holland, MI at their employee medical center. Jim still runs his own business (distribution planning) out of the home and travels regularly. She says they're "doing fine." **Diana Zeidel** (Bethany Beach, DE) and husband Jon Seymour have built a lovely house at the beach and are splitting their time between there and D.C. where they continue doing some consulting. They spent five weeks in Florida this past winter and have also been traveling all over the West—Washington, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, Texas—and New York—for work and for fun. They are planning a month in Europe this fall.

Alice Meyer and her daughter, who will be a junior at Wofford College, have moved to Charlottesville with Alice's job as Vice President of Client Services for InformedCare. She travels to many under-served corners of the globe while running telemedicine and disease management projects but "it's always great to come home to contemplate the Blue Ridge Mountains..."

Libby Tyree Taylor (Atherton, CA) will be in Philadelphia helping her daughter, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania, move out of her dorm, and plans to come to Reunion from there. She is president of the local school board and has a son in eighth grade. Her husband, formerly a senior partner of an 800- member law firm, has a new career as a partner of a venture capital international firm with offices in Silicon Valley as well as Manhattan.

Aissa Yust Rowe (Houston, TX) is keeping busy with weddings. Daughter Meredith, a UVA grad, married a Texas boy in July so she's "home," and her other daughter, Allison, is getting married in September. **Carter Burns Cunningham** (Washington, DC) frequently sees **Michela English** and **Melissa McGee Keshishian**. She "was thrilled to know that **Denise Mullen** is now the Associate Dean of the Corcoran School of Art." Daughter Maisie is a freshman at Duke and Lolly is in the eighth grade at the Potomac School.

Michela English (Washington, DC) is embarking on her first college search trip with daughter Eleanore, who is interested only in co-ed schools and especially those in California. She is trying "not to take it personally." We are indeed proud of the outstanding job Michela has been doing as president of Sweet Briar's board.

And, finally, from Reidsville, NC, my husband Rick and I have been getting used to the empty nest this year and, I must say, it's sort of been fun, sort of been sad, definitely been different. The dog and I have grown so close—he's my only child left! Our daughter Cassidy will graduate in May from the Kenan-Flagler Business

School at UNC-Chapel Hill, then return next year for her Masters of Accounting (she just can't leave Chapel Hill). We're hoping Scott will successfully survive his freshman year, also at Carolina. I'm proud to say the Murrays actually took a trip last summer to Scotland and England, where we met up with Cassidy who had been having a ball in Europe for most of the summer. To all of you, thanks so much for your witty and newsy class notes—you make my job easy!

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Michelle Brown Badcock is working on a post-grad MSC in Management of Voluntary Organizations at Southampton Univ. Simon, 24, works for an American bank in London; Doug, 21, received a degree in Geography and Environment; Heather, 18, got her A-levels and is taking a year off spending 6 months in Costa Rica and a month in the States. A trip to Mexico is planned for Christmas before a January excursion to Costa Rica. **Anne Billings McDougall** and Ed took Maggie to Davidson in mid-Aug. where she is "firmly entrenched." Jimmy is a hs sophomore involved in football, lacrosse and community service. Anne describes her work in school, church, her neighborhood and in Ed's office as "rewarding." **Mary Buxton**, in Monte Sereno, CA, loves being the parent of 6-yr. old son Will. A counselor, active churchgoer and reader, Mary bemoans not swimming enough. **Evelyn Carter Cowles** and Reynolds are grandparents x 4 with a girl born last spring. They enjoyed a week in England in September – a respite from a year spent repainting inside and out. **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** is involved in garden clubs on both local (VP of the governing board, president next year) and national levels (provisional chair, membership comm.). Peggy's babysitting course is in its 17th year. Whitney is in 5th grade and John loves his 3rd year in residential real estate. Peggy sees **Diane Dale Reiling**, **Lisa Fowler Winslow**, **Betsie Gambel**, and **Jane McFaddin Bryan**. **Renee Conover Reed's** daughter, Melissa, chose Hood over Sweet Briar this fall. Son, Craig, a hs freshman is a "hot shot" lacrosse player. Noreen's year was difficult having lost her mother to cancer in May. **Diane Dale Reiling** was diagnosed with breast cancer in May so her year has included surgery, chemo and radiation. It was caught early so Diane is optimistic but she urges all of us to take time to do self-exams. She also reminds us to use AlumLink at www.alumnae.sbc.edu. **Sue Dern**

Plank's year began near Times Square watching the Waterford crystal ball drop. David's company, the Gordian Group, has an apartment near the NY Stock Exchange that they can use. In March, Sue, her mother and Elena traveled to OH, NC and Charleston with tours of some VA colleges thrown in. An unsolicited offer on their Victorian house in Canajoharie, NY resulted in a move to Slingerlands, NY. They enjoyed a family reunion in July. Elena, a hs sophomore, spent 5 weeks this summer in Paris and Bordeaux followed by 10 days back in the States with her French hostess. Sue keeps in touch with **Ginger Woodward Gast** and **Laurie Norris**. In CT, **Christine Eng Leventhal** must take the class prize for staying active. She teaches fitness, creative movement for preschoolers, is a personal trainer and is renewing her teaching certificate. Amy is a sophomore at UVM, Nick is a hs sophomore at the Hyde School in CT, Jon is in 8th grade in Wilton. Peter has sold one of his two natural-food stores and is involved in nutritional counseling and teaching martial arts. They spend time every summer on Block Island. **Susan Hancock Duke** sent an amazing account of the impact of Hurricane Floyd on Franklin, VA: 150 businesses and 100 homes destroyed, no phones for 3 weeks, no mail for 10 days. One year later, 89 businesses have re-opened in the downtown district thanks to volunteers from all over the US and Canada and donations of money to the Franklin Flood Fund. When Susan wrote this letter, the Blackwater River was above flood stage again. This story speaks volumes about the resiliency of people and the generosity of strangers. **Robin Harmon** and her 13-yr. old daughter, Robin, spent a month in Provence again this summer. **Pascale Boulard Dutilleul** spent a weekend hiking to the top of Mt. St. Victoire (Cezanne's mountain) and picnicking at the base with Robin's nephew, a first year at Tulane. Inspired by the beauty, Robin painted 3 dozen oil paintings and 2 dozen sketches. This year Pascale enjoyed the benefits of living in SBC's French House in 1973—first, a visit from **Suzanne Garrison Hoder**, John and their sons, Ross and Frank. Suzanne helped Pascale's son Damien, 16, find a counselor's position at a YMCA camp in RI. **Carter Heyward Morris'** son Wade also visited Pascale in France. Her daughter Carole, 22, lives in San Francisco and has enjoyed the hospitality of **Jane Potts** as well as Wade and Heyward Morris. **Peggy Holloway Fitch** is in her 20th year of practicing dermatology and skin cancer surgery in Aiken, SC. Brannon, 21, is a senior at U of GA and plans to get an MBA; Hollis, 18, is a hs senior and hopes to attend the Naval Acad.; Kendall is a hs junior and plans on applying to Princeton or UVA. Peggy has recently reconnected with **Beth Boatwright Bell** and they have a girls-

only trip planned to Hilton Head in December. **Carter Heyward Morris** will be the mother-of-the-bride on December 30, 2000 when Heyward, 22, marries her Vanderbilt sweetheart, J.P. They will live in Columbia, SC (Carter's hometown) where J.P. will be in law school at USC. Wade, 19, is a 1st year student at UVA. After dropping him off at school, Hampton and Carter stopped at SBC. **Linda Lipscomb** has had a great year with "challenging work, a hiking vacation in Austria and good health." She was about to leave for Sydney to see the Olympics when she wrote. **Joan May Hardin** is working part-time for the NJEA (teachers' union). Meredith Grey, 21, is a junior at W & L where she is social chair of Kappa Delta. Much to Grey's dismay, Joan and Rick built a log cabin in the mountains near Lexington. Bill, 18, is a 1st year at Rhodes College in Memphis and pledged Pi Kappa Alpha. Richard, a hs sophomore, was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes last spring so is adjusting to this challenge. Rick's Wall Street law firm merged with a firm in San Francisco in January, 2001. Joan is in touch with **Julie Johnson Evans** whose son is a senior at W & L and president of Kappa Sigma and **Jill Heptinstall**. While on a leave of absence from her medical practice after her Dad's death in Dec, **Alice McInnis** is working on a master's in English with a creative writing emphasis. Although she still operates, the insurance situation may keep her from returning to a traditional OB/GYN office. Her son, Kenneth is a college junior; Sarah is a hs senior. **Marion McKee Humphreys** swims, lifts weights and describes her volunteer work with students who are not making it in the city school as "humbling." Her older son, a junior history major at SMU in Dallas, spent the summer studying at Oxford (Marion said she will frame that diploma). Her younger son is a hs senior who plays club soccer. His team played in Denmark last summer. Hunter, an attorney, and Marion are looking forward to building a lake house on property in AK. She reports that **Cathy Blackburn** is married, living in Houston and is an "excellent architect." **Jane McCutchen McFaddin's** husband, Barclay, was in town and said that **Susan Craig** is well. Marion sees **Charlotte Battle Robbins** and wondered if anyone has **Blanchette Chappell's** email address. **Chris Mendel Prewitt** is living in IL near St. Louis after a year in Montgomery, AL. Having loved the area and facing another move in the spring (address unknown), the Prewitts bought a house there to use during vacations until retirement. Chris' daughter is a hs junior. Her sons are in 9th grade (playing football) and 6th grade (skateboarding). Chris' husband flies for Northwest out of Minneapolis. **Betsie Meric Gambel** continues to love her job as PR Director at Logan

Marketing and reports that a high point for her this year was their opening of the Jazzland Theme Park in NO. One child is a second year law student at Villanova. Betsie had just returned from visiting another, a freshman at Clemson Univ. **Jane McCutchen McFaddin**, Barclay and one of their sons came from Charleston to see her. Betsie is still bicycling and finished another 150-mile ride. **Laurie Norris**, a firm believer in mid-life changes, became a reading specialist 5 years ago and loves it. Daughter Cynthia graduates from hs in 2001; Stephanie is a junior at Smith. **Nan Robertson Clarke** reports that the Clarke nest is emptying with Boo, a senior at Dartmouth, and Toby, a freshman at Princeton. **Jenny Stockwell Ferguson's** son, Ian, was head of the orientation camping trips! The empty nest is in sight with Charlie, a hs senior and Robbie, a hs junior. Nan wonders if there is a career based on her ability to yell at people to fill out their college applications. Nan also does volunteer work, much of which involves writing. Hal is an attorney at First Union.

Sandie Schwartz Tropper and Peter went to Italy to celebrate their 25th anniversary. His business takes him around the world: India, Bangladesh, Indonesia and a retreat in Katmandu. Sandie's art business is going well and she does fine art appraisal. She was elected recently to the American Society of Appraiser's national committee that deals with personal property.

Renee Sterling works at Citigroup and Salomon Barney and got 2nd VP-investments last year. She described this to her 7-yr. old nephew as "getting a really good report card." He then asked if she would be president next year!

Renee skied at Aspen and Jackson Hole last winter and hopes to add Snowbird this winter. **Carol Stewart Harper** and Doug are in Virginia Beach and recently bought a house in Duck, NC. Alison is in grad school studying speech pathology and Elizabeth is a hs senior hoping to go to UVA. Carol is celebrating being free of breast cancer for 3+ years.

Kathy Waters Marshall and Lawson publish two weekly newspapers in VA. Their daughter Jessie is teaching in Henrico Cty, VA and is getting married in July, 2001. Laura is in her 3rd year of a five year teaching program at VA Tech earning a Master's and John is a hs senior. **Debi Ziegler Hopkins** wrote that she was on her way to an SBC "suite" reunion with

Jane Potts, Betsy Perry and Terry Christovich Gay. Debi is in "survival mode" with 2 teenage sons "for which SBC did not prepare me!" **Debbie Pollock Arce** returned me! full time last April after 9 1/2 years to her former job as VP-Finance of ImageBuilder Software. Their kids are doing very well, Reed in 4th grade, Ross in 7th, and Cory a freshman in HS getting her driver's permit. The family had a trip to Cabo San Lucas last March with

Debbie's Dad and his wife, who also spent the month of August with them. Debbie's Dad, who is 80, has cancer. "He is doing remarkably well, all things considered, but we are all aware that his time is limited. Thankfully, he is just as mentally alert as ever and we have become a lot closer over the past several years."

And I, **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin**, am enjoying my second year as assistant dean of students at Milton Academy. With our youngest, Christopher, having graduated and attending Cornell, I am breathing more easily knowing that it will not be my child facing me on our discipline committee. Alexa is finishing college locally at Bridgewater State and is working part-time at Milton Academy's Lower School. Blake is a senior at Yale and will finish with a BA and a Masters in History. Bob is on sabbatical and busier than ever doing independent college counseling and working with students who are taking a year off. We, too, celebrated our 25th anniversary this summer! My best to all of you. Keep in touch until our 30th reunion in 2003.

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The turning of the millennium has been eventful for our class at "mid-life" — five of us have married or become engaged! A large number of our offspring have embarked on college life. Several of us are entering into new careers, or our spouses are, or we are moving households or remodeling or building homes. **Elizabeth Andrews Watts'** children, Rob and Betsy, are both at U.Va. now and are enjoying life in Charlottesville. She and Bobby stay busy at Episcopal High, where he has returned to teaching and coaching and Elizabeth still works in development. (EAW@episcopalhighschool.org)

Ellie Plowden Boyd joined a mini-reunion of '74'ers in Sept. '00 for a Rehoboth Beach weekend arranged by **Jane Hutcherson Frierson, Emory Furniss Maxwell, Ruthie Willingham Lentz, Barbara Ashton Nicol, and Edie McRee Whiteman** also were there. All the Boyds spent Christmas at the famous Von Trapp Lodge in New England and enjoyed great skiing, food and sing-alongs with the Von Trapp children. Ellie's husband Doug and oldest son Clayton will be in Virginia for the annual Boy Scouts Jamboree in summer '00. (18 Hunters Ridge Road, Southbury, CT 06488-1876)

Mary Lee Burch Doering sends greetings from Ohio where they moved to Cleveland last February, alighting in a Georgian colonial in Shaker Heights. Mary Lee resigned her teaching posi-

tion before moving. Her daughter Deanna begins kindergarten in the fall, and Grant (18) graduated the previous spring. She wonders who might be in Cleveland from SBC '71-'74? (3635 Rawnsdale Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44122)

Kelly Borrowman Slobodian has lived in Binghamton, New York for over ten years, and has 3 sons, 17, 15, and 11. She ferries them between lacrosse, football and soccer matches. Kelly continues to be active with Peace Corps programs (she spent '74-'77 in Japan), speaking in local schools and alternative high schools, while her husband works with Universal Instruments. Their family enjoys snowboarding and skiing in their Vermont house. (101 Chaburn Rd., Vestal, NY 13850) **Susie Fitzgerald Carter** still is in Atlanta, and was married to John Carter on December 2, 2000! John is president of the Georgia Tech Foundation, and now Susie has a houseful: Kate (18, who is going to Davidson next year) Lily (almost 16, in the ninth grade) two cats and a dog! Susie has not had children before, and her new husband merely says, "Well, there's a lot going on all the time!" Susie still consults for Agnes Scott College on planned giving, and with several other not-for-profit organizations in Atlanta. 04-378-4746 (williefitz@mindspring.com)

Laurie Epstein has returned to Lake Forest, where she and her fiancé, John Dearlove, have purchased a home they are rehabbing. Laurie received her engagement ring, hidden in a red rose, at the Lake Forest Symphony Gala last Nov., and her wedding will be Sept. 15, with **Wanda Cronin Howell** having the bridesmaids' luncheon. Laurie will be a stepmom to John's children, Jennifer (22), Jessica (19), Brady (9), and John (8). (831 S. Hunt Lane, Lake Forest, IL 60045) Another bride is **Meredith Thompson Sullivan**, who married John Sullivan last July after Meredith's brief move back to Houston. SBC friends **Jo Ellen Lenoir Blunk** ('75) and '74'ers **Tricia Barnett Greenberg** and **Rossie Ray Spell** attended the wedding. Meredith and John live now in Livingston, Montana and hope to see friends at the SBC Centennial. (P.O. Box 1283, Livingston, MT 59047)

Barbara Hansen Smith has been in Jacksonville, FL for ten years. Bill is an anesthesiologist in private practice. Their oldest, Kelly, is a second year student at U.Va., majoring in history. A Tri-Delt, she is planning a junior year abroad in Florence, Italy. Elizabeth and Katherine are students at the Bolles School and play soccer. Caroline, the baby, is now seven and in first grade. Incredibly, she loves diving. Barb hopes this is just a passing fancy. She keeps up with **Holly Hoffman Frazier**, who lives in Lynchburg, and stays busy with all the usual things—car pools etc. (bsmithmd@mediaone.net)

This year **Janice Renne Steffen** and Jim bought the lot next door and

they are working on the remodel plans to expand their house from 3400 sq. ft. to 7,000 sq. ft., after moving her office home the end of May. Jan began teaching AutoCAD, Business Communications 1, and architectural design classes at Brooks College in Long Beach, CA. She still designs and remodels homes and commercial buildings. Last summer she was in Atlanta, GA for the annual CSI Convention and Tall Club Pre Con and Convention. (jrenne@earthlink.net) **Barbara Ashton Nicol** says her family is healthy and happy — which means a lot as she attended more funerals so far in 2001 than she did in all of 2000. Her highlight of the year was the trip to Rehoboth (don't tell Robert!). They also had a nice trip to Breckenridge with all four boys for New Year's. Barb is still at the Univ. of Alabama in the School of Social Work. Robinson graduates from high school this May and is going to Ga. Tech in the fall. Chris & Sage (both 20) are hanging in there and "finding" themselves. Ben is the best 16-year-old around! Our "highlight" will be a trip to Memphis in March to see 'Stars on Ice' with Scott Hamilton. BarbNicol@aol.com

Debbie Pelham Bigum and her husband are currently stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. Randy is Director of Requirements for the Air Force at ACC, and will retire this summer. They will be starting a new chapter in their lives. They have enjoyed two tours to Germany and one to Okinawa, Japan. Lindsay, their oldest daughter, will be a first year student at UVA in the fall of 2001 and their other daughter Courtney will be in the 8th grade. They are heading out west this summer for a family vacation at a Dude Ranch in Wyoming and a week in Vail.

Sherrie Snead McLeRoy moved to the Fort Worth area in June 2000 after 15 years in Sherman, when Bill accepted a position heading development, marketing, admissions, and alumni for a private school there. She does contract work for The Gladney Center (where we adopted Ann), writing the text and documenting artifacts for a new exhibit on the history of Gladney and its role in the American and international adoption movement, scheduled to open in late 2001. She is also revising a biography of Victorian horticulturist T.V. Munson—"the man who saved the French vineyards"—which will be published late this year or early 2002 by the Wine Appreciation Guild. Ann, now in second grade, is very creative and talented in both art and piano but isn't any better at math than Sherrie was! They are headed to southern Spain in March for a vacation, and Sherrie will be back in the Sweet Briar area early in June for the 25th anniversary of the Amherst County Historical Museum, where she was the first director. **Helen Travis** left Fujitsu in Nov. '99, but now is returning there to help with their new partnership with Verizon. In

between she was office manager of a small legal search group in Manhattan. She cares for her parents (both 83!) on weekends, as they live within commuting distance on Long Island. Helen enjoys her two cats. **Wanda Cronic Howell** reports that adoption is now final for their daughter, Jessica, who attended our last reunion. They also have custody of Jessica's half-sister, Nicole Ashley Selph. With the two girls, Wanda stays busy with preschool, kindergarten, ballet lessons, Daisy Scouts, Sunday school, Angel Choir, etc. Wanda's car dealership beats previous sales records constantly. Her husband Lee handles advertising and public relations for both her and her dad's dealerships. She's looking forward to attending Laurie Epstein's wedding next fall. (1706 Quail Dr., Griffin, GA 30223) From Richmond **Mary Witt Will** has traveled to Myrtle Beach, New York City, Vermont, Washington, and to Chattanooga to check on her mother. This winter Mary hits the slopes in Colorado with the R'mond Ski Club, and she and Fritz plan a trip to Italy next September. Other than her wonderful travels, Mary says, "same jobs, same families." Mary and **Sandra Taylor** attended the Sweet Briar Day party which attracted over 50 alums, as well as a delightful party held at Virginia House last September. From out west in Phoenix, **Mimi Hill Wilk** says she'll see **Lou Weston Rainey** and Rip at their annual spring get-together. Mimi's son, Beau, is a senior at Culver Military Academy, and has been accepted at Wittenberg University in Ohio. Her daughter Liz is a 10th grader at Culver Girls Academy. Relying on her SBC art history studies, **Lauren Sherlock** is starting a career as a personal property appraiser after 24 years in travel and tourism. Her new career requires a rigorous accreditation process over the next two years. Now in her seventh year teaching at PS7 in Brooklyn, **Checka Robbin Delle** currently teaches kindergarten. Her daughter Jaclyn is a high school senior and is applying to colleges. Paul, Jr., her son, is an EMT for a hospital in Brooklyn. Checka's husband Paul juggles a law practice and limousine business. I hope some of our classmates can see **Sarah Johnston Knoblauch's** upcoming show of watercolors in July. She is an art and academic teacher (4th-6th grades) at Ruffing Montessori School in Cleveland. She and her husband Michael will steal away from their children in February to ski in Utah. Sarah reports that Brendan is almost finished his Eagle Scout badge, Kelly is into soccer and lacrosse, and Evan plays soccer and baseball.

I was fortunate to visit a few times with **Eleanor Magruder Harris**, while in Norfolk in '97-'98 at the Chrysler Museum. Her husband Sandy was on the board there then. Eleanor's two oldest boys, Greg and Ned, are at the University of Montana. Her other son

Johnston is in the 7th grade. Eleanor spends her rare hours of spare time on the tennis court, after helping out at boys' school, the museum, the garden club, and with the city of Norfolk.

Janie Reeb Chadwick joyfully sends the news of her engagement to Winthrop (Win) Allen Short, Jr., Princeton Class of 1968!! Win gave Janie a ring in November, and they plan to wed Memorial Day Weekend 2001. They will retain their houses – staying "in town" (Norfolk) during the week, and in Virginia Beach (on 75th Street) on weekends – what a life!! Win is an attorney and Janie continues as a broker with Paine Webber, sometimes in collusion with her sister **Molly Reeb Nissman '77**. **Winton Smoot Holladay** sent lots of news – on her 27th Anniversary!!! She notes that she had just turned 21 when married (her oldest daughter is 22 now), after taking seven courses her last semester at SBC and planning a wedding for 500-plus. Her husband, Hap, is still in real estate developing and has the good fortune to still have his father, 81, working with him. Brook, their oldest should be a senior, but took a year and a half off and has transferred from Lehigh to San Diego State, very happily. Jessie loves being a sophomore at Vanderbilt, and is making plans to spend junior year abroad (Spain, Italy, or New Zealand). The boys are in high school at Landon (9th and 12th grades). Fitz, a senior, is interested in studio art, although he wants a liberal arts school, and has applied to Davidson, Wake Forest, U.N.C. and the University of Texas. Winton is active at Holton-Arms (a trustee) even though her girls have graduated, and, like Sweet Briar, they are celebrating a Centennial. After time off from the Women's Museum, she is becoming re-involved there. Winton was sorry to miss our last reunion. She often sees several SBC'ers who left before graduating—**Cathy Williams Sullivan**, **Fuzzy Pownall Billings**, **Debbie Camalier Walker** and **Cindy Craighill Archer**—and at the holidays hears from **Marsha Phillips Smith**, **Wanda Cronic Howell**, and **Debbie Cairns**.

This year is bringing some big changes to **Blaine Converse's** life, as she's decided to leave the film business and LA behind and relocate to Charlottesville, Virginia. "It's a city I have always loved and have decided to live where I choose rather than letting the work dictate the location. So I will arrive there at the end of March and see what career opportunities present themselves. Wish me luck. As for my recent activities, I spent four months on location in Vancouver working on a family film for Warner Bros. entitled (tentatively) "Like Cats and Dogs." It starred Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins and 113 canines and felines. Quite challenging. Vancouver was beautiful—my first time there. The film will be released Memorial Day weekend

and, as always, I have no idea whether it will be good or not. Hopefully the kids will like it. That's it for me. I hope to be able to attend the next reunion now that I will be on the 'right' side of the country." **Lynn Watson Norfleet** reports that the Sweet Briar Club of Fredericksburg celebrated Sweet Briar Day with a lecture and luncheon for graduates from the Northern Neck, and a couple of prospective students attended. No one else from '74 lives near Lynn, but she enjoyed meeting so many new faces with which she had SBC in common. The news from **Liz Thomas Camp** indicates a year of highs and lows. Her son, Harry, had many graduation parties, and the Newnan community rallied to award him some local "merit" scholarships for his entrance into Dartmouth last fall. The grad had accompanying "graduation trips" to every beach in the Southeast, and then The Dordogne. The Camps' 3000 acre family farm was named a "megasite" by the Georgia gov. Liz's daughter, the family artist, Sophie, is a freshman at Newnan High. She's on the volleyball team, takes ballet and continues the art lessons. Liz does church work, yard work, and brain work—taking a class on the Old Testament—and is an Elder at Newnan Presbyterian. Her husband Jack had a bicycle accident but is doing fine now. Liz saw **Barb Ashton Nicol** & Robert for the graduation parties and had a visit with **Emory Furniss Maxwell** and Charles when they came through following the high school reunion in Selma. She also talks to and sees **Ellie Plowden Boyd** regularly on her trips south. Over the holidays Liz saw **Ruthie Willingham Lentz** in her lovely home in Memphis and **Ann Pritchett Van Horn**, when they had a stopover in New Orleans. From our nation's capital **Jane Hutcherson Frierson** reports plans to meet **Ann Smith** in the Big Apple for St. Patrick's weekend to see shows and shop! Her 18-year old, Laurence, is a freshman at William and Mary. She continues as project manager (just got a promotion!) at Logicon at the CIA, plus organizes the SBC'ers as president of the Washington, D.C. alumnae club. President Muhlenfeld spoke at their Sweet Briar Day brunch in January. Jane's well-organized mini-reunion at Rehobeth Beach was a delightful end-of-summer respite for Emory, Ruthie, Ellie, Barb, and Edie. **Andria Francis** says her daughter Ashleigh is a junior at York, a private high school. She still plays flute in the concert band and orchestra, is an editor on the yearbook, and active with softball, ballet, and Girl Scouts. Like other 15 turning 16 year-olds, she got her driving permit, and Andria looks forward to resigning from chauffeuring duty. Andria continues supervising development of educational achievement tests at CTB/McGraw-Hill, including a second edition of TerraNova. Last summer was spent college shopping

(Smith, Mt. Holyoke, and Wellesley). While in the area they had a birthday (Marcia's) dinner with **Marcia Brandenburg Martinson** at her South Weymouth home, and had many laughs about SBC times. Andria and Ashleigh plan a cruise in summer 2001. **Cathy Weiss Thompson**, her two children, and **Christine Weiss Pfeil** and her two children were in France last summer with their mother. Cathy continues as acting director of the Shenandoah Valley Community Residences in Winchester, Virginia. Christine just completed sixteen years as a member of the board of trustees of Lake Ridge Academy, from which she and Cathy graduated, and where Christine's two children attend school. She still works at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and continues as the ladies' sailing champion of the Cleveland Yachting Club. We have a high-ranking officer in our midst! **Sally Brice D'Hara** was promoted to Rear Admiral, only the third woman to achieve this rank in the Coast Guard's history. She will move in July to Washington, D.C. to become the director of personnel management, overseeing a myriad of human resource duties for the Coast Guard. Her husband, Bob, now teaches high school physics and chemistry at a school in Cape May, NJ. He'll be job-hunting in the Alexandria area where the O'Haras plan to reside. Sally and Bob have one son in high school and one in college. **Nancy Mortensen Piper** stays busy with her two daughters and her work for the House of Representatives Committee on Small Business, chaired by Don Manzullo of Illinois. Kate (13) is in 7th grade at Capital Hill Day School, and plays b'ball and squash. Last summer she traveled to Australia. Elizabeth (4) is at the House of Reps Child Care Center, her last year there. She started ballet and loves it. Nancy's husband, Chris, started a new job in January, with CITI, on a contract for the Department of State. Nancy sees other DC'ers **Jane Hutcherson Frierson**, **Sharon Mangus**, **Cindy Conroy**, and **Linda Kemp**. Yet another wedding for our class! **Penelope Lagakos** is engaged to Andrei Constantinidi, who is a mechanical engineer with a chemical company in Delaware. They will stay in the Chadds Ford, PA area. Penelope will start her own business, Penelope Lagakos Fine Art, specializing in American paintings. **Paula Hollingsworth Thomas'** husband, Charles, has a new career. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister last May. **Susan Stephens Geyer** used all the space on her postcard! The Geyers did remodeling in a big way, over 15 months. They moved back into their home last August. Mark, Susan's husband, also has a new dental office. Susan's oldest, Stewart, is a sophomore at Univ. of Texas' engineering school (electrical & computer), and

loves Austin. Julia is enjoying her high school senior year, and has applied to four colleges. She had to quit tennis after an injury last year, but continues with art and piano. However, Edward is the most focused musician, involved in both piano and choir. He's a high school sophomore and loves sports, too. Susan is a bible study fellowship leader, does substitute teaching in art, and is involved with the SBC Club. The family goes to Colorado 2-3 times annually, and Edward spends his 8th summer at camp this year. Julia has done mission trips to Peru the last two summers, and Susan enjoyed momson time alone with Stewart visiting spots in England, Scotland, and France last summer. **Lee Warren** also made a major life change when she decided to return to school after 26 years! She attends seminary full-time at Duke, commuting 75 miles one way, 3-4 days a week. Lee has found college at mid-life to be demanding. She has been serious about her studies, "unlike my years at SBC," and reports straight A's. Go Lee! After attending licensing in May, Lee expects to assume a part-time position as pastor of a United Methodist Church near South Hill — until she receives her M.Div. degree. Big changes also for **Ruthie**

Willingham Lentz, who opened a new office for IJL Wachovia in Memphis last October with nine other former colleagues, after 14 years with JC Bradford and a painful merger with PaineWebber. She notes that it must be fate, since her great-grandfather Fries started Wachovia Bank & Trust in the late 1800's. She'll visit **Robin Christian Ryan** on a Boston business trip this spring. Ruthie claims son David is enjoying his sophomore year at Wake Forest, pursuing a business major "with electives in the Theta Chi school of wine, women, and song!" Ruthie will join David in Vienna next August, when he begins a semester abroad, and then will join friends for a week in Provence. I was lucky to see Robin in Richmond last summer on two occasions — at a St. Catherine's get-together and when her parents had a cocktail party for friends. My big news is that I too have "fallen in love" at mid-life — with my high-school honey, Barney Bowles. Last August we connected at a 30th reunion of our hometown high school friends. The last time we dated was during my SBC freshman year, when he was at Randolph-Macon! Barney is a creative art director involved in multi-media and the Northern Virginia web/high tech scene, so I'm exploring career options in the DC area for a potential move next summer, when my youngest enters high school. Over the last year I've been transitioning career-wise—leaving fundraising after 10 years (most recently at Randolph-Macon, oddly enough), and am doing marketing and communications projects. Barney enjoys going to art museums with me—what a novel concept in

a relationship with a guy! My oldest son, Jamie, is a freshman at Washington & Lee, and just pledged Kappa Sigma fraternity. He wants to major in economics, but is studying Spanish to assure a junior year abroad there. Jamie spends summers with his Whiteman grandparents at Martha's Vineyard, working and playing tennis. My younger son, Alex, is 14, and is finishing his last year at Riverside School. An accomplished soccer player, he is just taking up basketball, and spends time with our dachshund puppy, Chili. — **Edie McRee Whiteman**

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Our last set of class notes before our 25th Reunion in May! Hopefully these newsy tidbits will whet your appetite for some "up close and personal" catching up back at the Patch. I am writing these notes from "ground zero," Tallahassee FL where CNN and major network news crews have invaded this otherwise sleepy, hung-over, football-crazed town in the aftermath of our Presidential non-election. Your news is far more interesting. **Karen Adelson Strauss** (Winnetka, IL) "transforms executives into calm, articulate spokespeople," trains for cross-country skiing with Luke (16), rides with Jennie (14), and bikes with Andréa (8). All are healthy and headed to Hawaii for Christmas. **Kari Anderson Shipley** (Delray Beach, FL) celebrated her 23rd wedding anniversary at the "Shipley Hotel, Restaurant, Zoo, & Parking Lot." She continues to be active with volunteering (hospitals, schools, Historical Society, Nature Center), her sons' sports (soccer, tennis, golf), and her own art classes and painting. **Caroline Bickel McLoughlin** (Washington, D.C.) represents Dunollie Looms (a high end line of women's knitwear), coaches boys' soccer, and plays "too much tennis, paddle tennis & golf." She started an investment club with 19 other women and is also active in the garden club. Caroline traveled last year to Hyannis Port, Ireland, and France. **Carrington Brown Wise** (Richmond) teaches music to lower-school boys at St. Christopher's. Henry (18) plans to attend VMI, Anne Churchman (16) is considering SBC, Elizabeth (12) "is an accident-prone jock, & Margaret (10) tries everything Elizabeth does but has more commonsense & doesn't get hurt." Husband Alex is involved with Virginia and National historic projects. After 4 years with BMC Software **Becky Burt** (Houston) now specializes in email systems for Bindview Development. She continues to pour big bucks into her "money pit" of an

old house, gave up softball after a nasty collision at home plate, and treks yearly to Santa Fe to purchase Native American jewelry for her side business, Silver Moon Traders (<silvertrader@earthlink.net>). Actually, Becky goes to NM to feed her "green chile addiction." **Chris Carr Dykstra** (Auburn) reports that daughter Susan has applied to UNC-Chapel Hill. Chris continues with pony club activities; her research project this year is an investigation of the Leishmania problem in foxhounds. (I expect to find out what this is when Chris rolls through Tallahassee for Thanksgiving!) According to **Melanie Coyne Cody** (Winnetka, IL), "Things are wildly busy at our house. I'm working 4 days a week: juggling volunteer commitments at church, at 2 high schools, and in the community." There has been time for trips to Ocracoke Island "to eat, beach, bike, and swat mosquitoes," Green Lake, WI, Chicago, and Paris ("I have to keep pinching myself . . . Life is good"). **Teessie Costello Howell** writes, "The years tumble by so fast, it's hard for me to believe I have a teenager—Jackson is 13 and taller than I am, with his sister, Suzannah (9) catching up on me!" Teessie and Chris will celebrate their 24th anniversary in June. **Jean Dailey** (Greensboro) opened her own herb shop four years ago after a career with Roche Pharmaceutical. She's pursuing "Carolyn Myss medical intuitive" work and finds it very rewarding. **Liz Farmer Jarvis** (Philadelphia) is "still working as a freelance curator, and did an exhibit last year for Philadelphia's history museum." Liz also sets up collections cataloging systems for small historical institutions and needs her "tennis fix a few times a week." She reports that **Holly Weaver Kenreich** (Savannah) is an accountant for a building firm, and that **Jill Wentorf Wright** (Old Chatham, NY) "is in her last year studying landscape design and has already had a few clients." Liz is looking forward to seeing SBC "pals at our 25th so we can all see how much BETTER we have gotten!" Amen to that. **Carol Fiske Plaff** (Jacksonville) is an office manager for an Internist. Her oldest daughter graduates from Princeton in June, second daughter is a freshman at Auburn, and the youngest just started high school. Carol, Harry, and girls plan Thanksgiving in NYC; she says "Life is good—we've been very blessed." **Demi Georgis Lathrop** (San Francisco) has moved twice in the two years since she remarried. She reports being "surrounded by boxes, wonderful contractors & carpenters who are building a library for us" so that she can "finally unpack book boxes after 20 years." Her 5 children keep her busy; the family vacationed with Demi's parents and brothers in the Greek Islands last summer. **Keedie Grones Leonard** (Middlebrook, VA) likes being a stay-at-home mom for Cole (4) and Isabelle

(2). She lives in a "beautiful, but isolated area" so spends "a lot of time on the road." Judging from the postcard, Keedie is driving all over the place just to visit SBC friends (she lists about eight people—and would have listed more if there had been room, I bet). **A special note** from **Melanie Holland Rice** (Virginia Beach): "Three years ago I started a nonprofit organization with a beautification project at the 47th Street public access to the beach called Buff's Garden, after a friend who passed away from breast cancer. This special garden by the sea is a cancer awareness site dedicated to friends and family whose lives have been touched by cancer. In partnership with Coastal Video we have produced 'The Real Deal . . . The Truth About Breast Cancer,' a video for teens, marketed nationally by Coastal, donated locally by the Buff Foundation. Parents' Choice has just awarded us the silver honor for this video! Come visit the garden if you are in Virginia Beach and remember to get your mammograms." **Cissy Humphrey** (Dallas) is working fulltime for AT&T after 3 years of temping. AT&T has sent her back to school at SMU for a nine-week class for new managers and supervisors, which she finds nerve-wracking! Cissy continues to facilitate a grief recovery group for a local church and has started a website (Seasons of Life.net) to help families ease loved ones into appropriate nursing/assisted living facilities. **Robin Imschweiler** (Kinderhook, NY) reports "major changes." She moved from GA to NY recently, and now lives with her sister, nephew and grandmother. Robin also has a new career; teaching dance (ballroom and latin) at Arthur Murray. **Ainslee Jones Uhl** (Raleigh) writes, "I, at long last, have our fourth child in school from 8 to 3—glorious after 12 years of having only 3 hours/day to myself. Of course our children are the most wonderful, interesting people I know, it's simply time for me to pay a bit of attention to myself. I still pursue photography, keep intellectually in tune through participating on the Board of the NC Museum of Art, the Museum Council and the Raleigh Fine Arts Society." **Norris Judd Fergeson** moved from Houston to Corpus Christi with Grant and the girls: "No traffic, no air pollution—I can put up with this! We are learning how to sail!" **Lynn Kahler Rogerson** (Houston) writes, "Olivia is the light of my life; I have learned (rather late in life) all that motherhood brings—music classes and weekend child-friendly outings—in addition to my work organizing art exhibitions. I love the motherhood part the best!" **Kate Kelly Smith** (NYC) is the associate publisher of *House Beautiful* magazine. She continues to reconnect with all of her SBC classmates while traveling around the country for the magazine, especially the gang in Charlotte. **Ann Kiley Crenshaw** (Winchester, VA) says, "All remains hectic—we seem to

be in transit almost all the time—soccer, etc.! My practice is busy and I seem to be on the road with it as well—and then there is the volunteer stuff! Just like the rest of us 76ers!”

Laurie Lenkel (Ft. Lee, NJ) spends time between home (weekends) and job at the Food and Drug Administration outside Washington D.C. **Margot Mahoney Budin** (Chevy Chase) was three weeks away (as of her writing) of delivering twins—a boy and a girl. She, husband and daughter (Michelle, 4) are thrilled. “If someone had told me this 25 years ago, I would never have believed—twins at my age! Look for a profile about **Debbie**

Massie Thurman (Madison Heights) in an upcoming issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*. She relocated last year from the west coast to within a stone’s throw of the Patch, and has just seen her first book published (*From Depression to Wholeness: The Anatomy of Healing*). The companion volume will join it: *Journaling From Depression to Wholeness: A 12-Week Program for Healing*. Debbie has become a lay counselor and now goes on speaking tours throughout the country to promote the books. **Sally Old Kitchin** (Virginia Beach) has a daughter in SBC’s freshman class! Look out!!! Mariah is playing field hockey for the pink and green! **Connie Radford Butler** (Louisville) says, “Strange how my children continue to age (and I don’t!). Daughter Austin is a freshman at the U. of Colorado/Boulder (couldn’t sell her on SBC!)” and Robert is a freshman in high school. “I get my fix of little ones by continuing to teach preschool.”

Robin Rodger Heller (Detroit) sent a “still life”: “still ‘retired,’ still married with 2 children, still completing my year as President of Junior League of Detroit.” Robin and family spent the summer living on their sailboat (“Celebration”) and the kids were active at the Detroit Yacht Club (Bill III won his first regatta). **Sharon Ruvane** (Stowe, VT) started a private practice in speech language pathology last July and was filled up with clients within 3 weeks! Daughter Gretchen is a junior at Choate Rosemary Hall in CR, and Harry is in 9th grade at the Cardigan Mt. School in Canaan, NH. Sharon vacationed in Ireland last fall, cycling over 100 miles in 7 days. **Meg Shields Duke** (Denver) has been active with reunion planning and Western Regional Alumnae Board activities. Meg has been busy with event-planning and arranging a ‘01 Colorado Centennial colloquium she hopes will feature SBC’s Carter Glass Government Professor, Barbara Perry (topic: the Supreme Court in the new administration). Meg was off to Tuscany last October with **Mary Beth Hamlin** and the rest of the Alumnae College trippers. **Ginna Spangler Polley** (Lookout Mtn., TN) and son David remain involved in showing American

Saddlebreds. Having a 7th-grader, volunteering, and singing in the choir keep her busy. The Polleys plan a Christmas safari in Tanzania. For those of you who missed this momentous news, **Marsha Taylor Horton** and **Bobby** (Dover, DE) are the proud parents of Samuel James, born 22 October 1999. She says, “At first it was wonderful but oh so tiring! I am not used to not getting my sleep . . . Now he’s trying to walk and talk and getting into everything! This is definitely a successful exercise plan!” Marsha is consulting and doing some teaching, but her primary job is “Mommy, and I love it!” **Peach Weiler Thiess** (Pittsburgh), hubby Ken (an attorney for National City Corp) and two children (Alexander, 13 and Natalie, 9) are doing well in PA. Peach enjoys “the easy life by gardening, social activities, and taking it easy.” **Peyton White Lumpkin** (Miami) is a research psychologist at the University of Miami School of Medicine’s department of psychiatry, and has a small private practice on the side. She works with adolescents who have internalizing disorders (depression and anxiety). Her major diversion is going to the Bahamas with Tom, Alix (17) and Tommy (14) on the family boat (the De Bord Dieu—“which is what it feels like when you are out there in that magnificence”). **Mary Woodford** (Chevy Chase) is nearing her 2nd wedding anniversary and says, “Everything is great! The worst fear of marrying later rather than sooner is that we’re all too set in our ways to adjust . . . Once I got over the shock of learning that Jim prefers to dump all the broth into the soup pot at once when making risotto, and I follow the recipe which says 1/2 cup at a time, things have been great.” In other news, “Who’d a thunk it—I’m loving learning to play golf!” I now find myself about to enter my third year in the Ph.D program in Historical Musicology as well as my third year in the M.A program in Creative Writing with emphasis in nonfiction. This means that I’ll be writing a dissertation and a thesis simultaneously. I’m teaching full time in FSU’s First-Year Writing program (I swore I would never teach, but I love it), and working one-third time in the School of Music annotator programs for the University Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and Philharmonia. In my spare time (ha!) I tutor a doctoral piano performance major on research methods and writing for her treatise (she is Japanese). I’ve had some poetry published, and an essay is forthcoming next year. I’ve also managed to show up for classes at the appointed times, which seems miraculous.

1977

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Vera Blake Thiers writes from Germany that she still works as a regional leader for EF Au Pair, responsible for several states; she also does translations on a free-lance basis. She says a real plus in her mid-life has been her horse, a real all-rounder who does dressage, jumps, hunts and drives. She now has her driver’s license for one and two in hand and has done various parades, shows and country drives with her marathon carriage. The children: Paul (13) is into field hockey, choir and the trumpet; Kate (15) is into boys, make-up, clothes and sleeping in . . . Imagine that! Vera says. Gerd continues to slave away in his practice and dreams of early retirement. They moved this summer and now have more place for visitors, so call her if you’re going to be in Germany. **Lola Brock Meakin** writes from England that she works nearly full time at a designer clothes shop. James is 14 and Edward 12—she says they are both great boys. Jeremy still works as a dealer on the London Metal Exchange (futures market). They were in Miami for Christmas but she says at Easter they’ll be freezing on the beach in Cornwall. Their summer vacation will be in Spain and France. **Elvira Cash Pecora** and family are well in Chapel Hill, NC. She is teaching K-1 and French at a private school in Durham and is really having fun. Their boys, Kent (12) and Greg (15) entered 6th and 9th grades and have continued playing soccer. Kent tried cross-country and Greg tried Lacrosse, but soccer is still their first love. Chip resigned from Qualex after eight years and is a Mr. Mom as of 1/1/01 while he looked for new challenges with less travel. **Farnell Cowan** has moved to the Washington, DC area after 22 years in Boston and says she is glad she made the move. She is working for the U.S. Dept of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. **Ann Crossingham Cannon** has seven rescued dogs and is chairman of the hospital foundation. She’s doing volunteer work, showing her saddlebred. Husband Bill is busy with his various businesses which enables wife, daughter and son to show their horses. Daughter Leslie is a junior psychology major at Queens College and shows a three-gaited mare. Son Will is 18, volunteer fireman, EMT and senior in H.S. He won his 3rd world championship in Louisville, KY with his five-gaited gelding. **Mary Greaves Hodge** says the kids are happy and healthy. Caroline is in 5th grade and into ballet; Chase is in 3rd grade and into karate and golf and Lissy is in 1st grade and into reading,

drawing and tennis. Charlie is working way too hard. Mary is still volunteering, doing Mom-things and loving it all. **Cynthia Kendree Thieringer** is in Long Valley, NJ. Now that kids Kendree (17), Kiley (15), Sawyer (10) and Charlie (7) are a little older, she’s gone back to work full time as a 5th grade teacher of the gifted in math and science. She left her seat as school board president last April but hopes to hold that position again in the future. Their college search for Kendree reminds Cynthia of all the great times we had at SBC! **Debbie Koss McCarthy** writes from Chapel Hill, NC, that she’s been up to her ears in work—she is director of a small non-profit called the Augustine Project that trains Orton-Gillingham tutors to provide free, long-term, one-on-one instruction in reading, writing and spelling to low income, learning-disabled children and teens in Durham (NC) and Orange Counties. She says, “It’s a wonderful ministry to the ‘least of these’” and she loves it. They are always looking for funding, though, so if anyone has thousands of \$\$\$ they want to donate, please contact Debbie! She also says that David, Courtney and Alex are fine. Courtney spent seven months in Australia doing an internship at The Olympics and studying at the Univ. of Wollongong. Alex is a junior in H.S., and is busy with honors classes and three sports. **Phooi Ching Lai** says that January is a busy month in Singapore—the new school year starts, then stops for Chinese New Year. Her family will be in Malaysia to be with her 85- year old mother. Phooi’s girls are now in the equivalent of Grades 7 and 9, in schools that are trying new teaching methods in their never-ending quest to excel even more! Phooi’s university is also introducing deep structural change in determining salaries and broadening curriculum; her husband’s hospital is doing the same. She is hoping for a quiet 2001. **Ebet Little Stevens** says time is flying by, with Liz in 11th grade, Anne in 8th and Rob in 3rd. Ebet is still a computer technology headhunter and Bob still has his own healthcare marketing business. **Becky Mayer Gutierrez** reports from Shelburne Falls, MA, that she is teaching 5th grade at Sheffield Elementary in Turners Falls. Sons George (16), Anthony (13) and Michael (10) keep her busy with their involvements in sports, school, looking for college, etc. **Kate McElhinney Montgomery** has been married since 1985 to Douglas Montgomery—they live in the San Francisco Bay area with Suzanne (13) and son Delano (9). Kate is in the film business, writing, directing and producing. She wrote, directed and produced a film called “Christmas in the Clouds” that was selected to premiere at the Sundance Film Festival in January, 2001. It’s a romantic comedy of mistaken identity that stars a mostly Native American cast including Graham Greene, Sheila Tousey and Rita

Coolidge (who also contributed some great music). **Gay Lynn Owens Gates** and Bob moved to Middletown, DE in Sept of 2000 after Anderson Logistics took over Bob's company. Gay is busy as president of daughter Laurie's (11) PTA and as Lily's (6) Brownie leader, plus as chauffeur for both dance lessons. They miss NJ but are adjusting to their new home. **Molly Reeb Nissman** says they are doing great in Virginia Beach. She and Harvey took a trip to Italy (sans children) and enjoyed getting away. Nancy is in her second year at Mary Washington College; Andrew is 8 and Matthew is 4. **Frank Scott** is enjoying life in Nashville, running her business and being a mom to a pre-teen. She and son Zach (11) still have a common love of skiing, snowboarding and cooking. **Angela Scully** is still painting in PA. **Ellen Sellers McDowell** says Rex's real estate /property management software company merged last year and is now called CTI in the REALM. Emily (15) spent the fall in Zermatt, Switzerland with a program through The Hockaday School called Swiss Semester. She had a fabulous adventure and Rex and Ellen had a wonderful trip to Switzerland to see her for parent's weekend in October. Ginny (13) completed her Girl Scout Silver Award in December. Mary Susan (11) is in the 5th grade at The Hockaday School and one of her classmates is Hannah Brown, the daughter of Brianna Boswell Brown '82. Kate (9) loves to play soccer and basketball. "We all had a great weekend in Washington D.C. for the Inauguration of George Bush, the former Texas governor. I continue to teach my cooking classes, work with Girls Scouts, and volunteer at the kids' schools. I have joined The Altar Guild at my church where **Lisa Wray Longino** '78 is training me." **Beth Wade** says the year 2000 was a tough year, since she was pregnant most of it, but the results were worth it—a son, Noel, was born in October. His sister, Ellie (3) started Montessori School three hours a day in Sept and is having fun. Beth returned to work as a sales rep. for IBM in Jan—her territory is the US Treasury. Husband John sold off part of his consulting company in December, which was good news for all. **Tricia Waters (Neer)** says she is enjoying working part-time from home as Manager of Alexandria (VA) Choral Society. Still singing and book clubbing, too and is busy with Lucy (4th grade) and Will (2nd grade). John is still a home renovation contractor in Alexandria; she saw **Farnell Cowan** who has relocated from Boston to Arlington. **Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn** and family enjoyed trips to Canada, Tuscon, Naples, FL and LaJolla, CA; they just returned from a ski trip to Utah when she wrote. Clayton (14) enters H.S. in the fall. Clayton, Clifford (12) and twins Charlie and William (7) keep themselves busy with lacrosse, football, hockey, baseball, soccer and golf, as

well as skiing and snowboarding. She says their sports equipment has overflowed the house. Vivian is approaching 11 years as General Counsel at Chicago Underwriting Group, a subsidiary of Old Republic Insurance Co. Stuart is General Counsel at Web Street Securities, Inc. Vivian continues to serve on the SBC Alumnae Board as Region VII Chair and enjoys returning to campus twice yearly for board meetings. She also had a great visit with Keeidie Grones Leonard (76) in Virginia last spring and dinner in NY with **Libby White Drbal** last winter. And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, am coming out of two bad years, still fighting insomnia and depression, but finally in my father's former house, having sold our former house. Pete has been wonderful in all he's done in the past two years in helping to get Dad installed in and visited weekly at a retirement home, working on my stepmother's estate, moving us into Dad's house and dealing with me! As an aside, I must add that I'm thrilled I no longer have to edit everyone's notes into one sentence per person!

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Barbara Wesley Bagbey loved seeing everyone at Reunion. "What a great class we have! Don't think I've laughed so hard in a long time!" **Emily Cox Sinagra** in Gloucester, MA says, "I am a writer, believe it or not, Mr. Tamburr." Emily is married to a commercial fisherman/artist and has three children; Dominique (11), Elena (5) and new baby boy Tristan. She'd love to hear from everyone—especially **Betsy Helm** and **Tammy Bishop!** **Lillian Sinks Sweeney** has just passed the anniversary of her retirement and is really enjoying being home with Taylor. Having shifted to volunteer work, Lil is doing all sorts of things with Taylor's school—"I've been teaching pre-school (pretty funny), and am doing Meals on Wheels for our church. I hope to go on a medical mission trip to Honduras in June with some docs from church as well as other fellow Episcopalians. Life is good. It is nice to give back." **Mimi Walch Doe** has delivered her latest book to the publishers' and says "whew". *Busy but Balanced* is due out via St. Martin's Press in the fall of 2001. Mimi is happy in Concord with Tom, Whitney (13) and Elizabeth (10). **Jamie Beard Siegel** just delivered her latest baby, according to Susan. Kemp, who had a great time at Reunion as well, is traveling with **Anne Darden Self** and **Diana Tarride Palmer**. She is in Houston with Michelle (10), Ford (8) and Tricia (6). **Cari Thompson Clemens** is still teaching in Baltimore

and keeping up with the activities of three daughters. Competitive horse showing, field hockey, soccer, lacrosse and swimming top the list. **Caroline (12)** loves Garrison Forest (where Mary Page Stewart '76 teaches Art) and the opportunity to play polo. **Virginia (9)** and **Eliza (6)** are happy at Culvert but hope to join their sister soon. Will remains in Health Care/Financial Services. A trip to Disney World was great but this year also brought the unexpected loss of Cari's father in Nantucket. Cari says "I've heard from Angie and Charlotte and spent New Year's Eve with **Ann Vandersyde Malbon** at our beach house!" **Judith (Judi) Wright Noel** celebrated her 50th this year and reports that it's "relatively painless!!" Judi will be in England in June and says hi to Amy, Jeannie and Tish. **LaQuela Scafie Barnett** reports catching **Jana Joustra** during a lull in JJ's busy travel schedule. **Kim Horner Greiner** and family at Newport Beach, and **Mary Palmer** at her trendy new restaurant "Clayton Blackmon". **LaQuela** recently finished her second children's book/CD project entitled "Roadtrip Survival Kit" and watched Tiger Woods tee-off at the US Open in Pebble Beach. "Lexi (6) is in first grade and life is good!" **Michèle Baruch Jeffery** says all is well in NYC. Jim has started his own asset management firm and is loving it. Jane (6) is in kindergarten at Chapin, ninth-grader **Charlie (15)** is away at boarding school. Mitch had a great time with **Debra Hill Maes** last spring in LA. **Amy Campbell Lamphere** put her not-for-profit arts organization, the WagonTrain Project on hiatus in November, and is now writing grants. Amy says, "Maximum flexibility allows me to chauffeur the babies (now 11 and 8) everywhere... If I can avoid spending all of (my recent earnings) on American Girl doll accessories, Jim and I will travel to Chicago, Phoenix, Colorado and Las Vegas."

Vickey Clarendon Richter is thankful for blond hair—"you won't be able to see the graying as all three of my children enter the joyous teenage years—yikes." She recently caught up with **Diane Riley Milburn**, whose eldest is looking at colleges, including SBC. **Vickey** says that Reunion was a terrific weekend and that no one has changed a bit! She just returned from Boston and dinner with **Lisa Heisterkamp Davis**, described as "funny and irreverent as ever!" Lisa is still Associate Director for HR at Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, MA but now part-time. She had a blast in Hawaii with Josh, Augusta (11) and Dashiell (8), is headed for Mexico next, and says, "Vickey Clarendon find me, I can't find you!" Those who attended Reunion will be pleased to know that "we all look fabulous!" This according to the very observant **Beth Fletcher Lubin**. Beth hosted a successful show of Jill Steenhuis's work in Montgomery

last November, and says, "2000 was a great year and Reunion could not have been more fun!"

Betsy Thomas Rook remains in Glendale, California with husband Roger and their children, ages 7 and 3. "Never a dull moment," says Betsy, who renewed her real estate broker's license and hopes to complete, possibly market, a writing project.

Shannon Thompson Eadon has been doing lots of skiing and travelling this winter. Her home was on the garden tour last June and helped raise over \$500,000 for breast cancer. "Over 1000 people came through in one day—both exhausting and rewarding." Shannon says Reunion was wonderful and that the e-mail list is great fun!

"No news" from **Carol Williamson Jenkins**, who sends a picture of an armadillo.

Leslie Ludwick Bires has enjoyed an eventful year, regretting only that she wasn't able to make Reunion. First child Alexander David was born in July 2000 and has since been the center of life—"not bad for a 42 year old mom," says Leslie. They moved to a new home in Mill Valley, just north of the Golden Gate bridge and close to redwoods, the beach, hiking, biking and great views. She and Tom welcomed the new millennium from a tropical island in Malaysia with 150 friends. "(We) celebrated the new year thankful for our many blessings—health, dear friends and family."

Pam Willett Hauck has enjoyed a "blessedly uneventful" year staying active with three daughters (12, 11 and 9) who are always on-the-go! Husband Greg is still with the Pentagon, gearing up for a military (USMC) retirement in 2002. Pam loved getting reacquainted with everyone at Reunion!

Hollis Hutchens Volk and husband Chris live in Paradise Valley, Arizona with Emma (11) and Chambers (8). Chris is President of FFCA, a real estate finance company, and Hollis is busy with home, book club and volunteer activities for school and local charities. "We have been traveling a good bit. Recently, our most exciting trip was to the Presidential Inauguration. We had great seats, went to several parties/balls and had a great time freezing ourselves nearly to death!"

Life for **Ann Connolly Reagan** is reported to be fairly calm. Hannah (12) is "busy skiing, soccering and tennis-ing." Meanwhile, Ann enjoys her 10th year at the Dragon's Nest toystore in Newburyport, but is happy to have had the past two summers off. "Yahoo!" Fun includes the North Shore Women's Tennis League Upper A Division and skiing in this year's tons of snow. Plans are in the works for spring trip to Hilton Head.

Pam (?) is occupied with sons Will (15) and Trip (7), as well as her interior design business and newly acquired real estate license. **Susan Posey Ludeman** and husband Danny have

four children: Danny, Jr. (16), Allie (14), David (10) and Caroline (7). She is "busy but loving it!"

Pam Koehler Elmets is a combination mom/taxi service! She does find time for a few tennis lessons, and says, "We had a great time at Reunion even though the electricity went out."

Anne Secor loves her new job as Art Director at marthastewart.com. Her mentoring program continues as "little sister" gears up for high school. Anne and Steve spent summer weekends at their little beach cottage on Fire Island and are planning a second trip to Brazil. "We're hoping for some good gigs for the band this year. Kitties Marley and Farnsworth are great."

Annie Fisher McDaniel is spending more time volunteering at Maggie's (12) and Jack's (10) schools since taking her first break from work in ten years, and says "I have to laugh at myself—becoming a yoga fanatic!" Tim's law firm continues to grow and the family hopes to travel this spring.

Claire Dennison Griffith's Ted (9th grade) is away for his first year at boarding school and thriving. Second-grader Charlie manages to fill the void with his activities. Claire says, "I am working hard NOT to look like the mother of a high school student—with mixed results!" She ran into **Kate Sharp Belle** last summer while at a hockey camp in Indiana. Kate is living in the Chicago area practicing law with CASA, the children's advocacy group. **Jeannine Davis Harris** had a blast at Reunion, loved catching up with everyone and enjoyed the train trip with "Schneids". Children Leigh (9), Reid (7) and Brad (3) are all busy. She saw **Catherine Flaherty** in NYC during the fall.

Want to learn to Tango or Samba? **Darla Davies** has traded in her riding attire for ball gowns and dance shoes and is working to become "a top amateur ballroom dancer". She and her partner have opened the Virginia DanceSport Academy in Charlottesville and extend an invitation to all!

Jamilla Champsi enjoys her daughter (3) and son (1) and is practicing medicine—infectious diseases—in San Francisco. She forwarded her reply card (thanks, Jimmy!) to formerly-lost alumna **Helen "Cookie" Compton Harris**, who is in Long Beach. Cookie has been married for sixteen years with no children apart from the 800 she looks after as Assistant Principal at Rogers Middle School!

Brandy Wood is happily married to Chris Egbert and busy teaching psychology at Indiana University Southeast and at Jefferson Community College in Louisville. After "ten years as a housefrau", **Susan Boline Thompson** is attending SMU studying the Italian Renaissance, working toward her MLA and loving it! "Gregg, Rebecca (10), Stephen and John (both 8) all keep me company at the home-

work table." Gregg is taking a poetry class and hoping to be published. Vacations have included a ski trip, white water rafting and a 30-hour drive to Idaho!

Diana Tarride Palmer writes that since Reunion—"the power outage on Saturday night was unforgettable"—she has visited France and French relatives with her sister Michelle Tarride Frazier '78, and caught up with **Beth Newberry Phillips** while Beth was in Texas for her 100 year-old grandmother's funeral. Diana studies French and riding since Anna (6) began Kindergarten and Clayton (16) began driving. Diana asks if anyone else saw **Francie Root's** picture in her investment firm's full-page NYT ad!

Georgia Schley Ritchie has returned from an art-seeking expedition to Vietnam and China—visiting friends in Tokyo along the way—and held Young Masters Atlanta. The Vietnamese work showed well with that of the regular British participants making the exhibit a success with exciting prospects. Mystery Woman who didn't sign her card is having a ball with Charlie (2) in Dallas. He loves both snow and the beach, and plans to accompany his parents to Vail and Palm Springs this year. She stays in touch with **Janel Wiles**, **Claire Griffith**, **Jill Steenhuis**, **Ann Connolly**, and **Leslie Ludwick**—even sees **Brianna Brown '82**, **Cissy Humphrey '76** and **Melanie Steglich '78**. **Tinsley Place Lockhart** has been admitted to law school at the University of Edinburgh. She intends to continue with her Internet Centre and e-commerce business and is interested in hearing from anyone with similar interests/experience. **Julia Grosvenor Sanford** is Board President of the Little Miss Mag Child Care Centre in Chattanooga where she also volunteer-teaches Creative Movement class to the strains of classical music! "The older ones are encouraged to interpret (what) they hear...but mostly we have fun," says Julia.

Myth Monnich Bayoud stays busy with Neiman Marcus and the SBC Board of Directors.

I, **Liz Swearingen Edens**, am a designer/illustrator in Louisville where husband Joe, Alex (5), Cary Pippin (3), clients (enough) and extra-curriculars (too many?) keep me occupied. Reunion really was fun, wasn't it. Just love being at school knowing all my homework is done. Many thanks to Claire for posting those great pictures with the tornado-sky in the background!! The Class Notes format is to be expanded to accommodate all our news, so please write/e-mail me any time with whatever you'd like shared.

1982

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Word from **Carol Searles Bohrer**, two classmates are very sick. Thoughts are with **Lisa Laubach Clattin** who has Lyme Disease, and **Valerie Youree** who has MS. If you would like to call or write to Lisa and Valerie and need their numbers just let me know. Carol is busy with Price 9, Emily 6, and volunteer work. **Charlotte Prassel Fitzgerald** is able to volunteer again with James 3 in pre-school. Cece 11 is in 6th and Tricia 10 is in 4th. Andy is training for the Boston Marathon (April '01 & '02). **Lucie Stephens Holland** is an at-home mom to Carter 4. She keeps busy with Colonial Dames, Garden Club, school and church. **Rachel Millrood Perlman** is finding work as a bond trader a vacation next to raising twin 3 year old boys, Morgan and Jonathan, and pre-teen daughter Sophia 11. **Libby Lee Gantt Castles** has a few hours for herself now that triplets, Gantt, Ray and Clara 4 are in pre-school. Her older three, Mason, 4th grade, Guy, 2nd and Mary Etta, 1st all love school. **Aimee Nelson Smith**, husband Christopher, and children Porter 12, Shelby 9, and Peyton 7, are still living in Baltimore. **Cathy Adams Miller** is now a senior staff pharmacist in Newport News. She and family, Madeline 8, Ali 6, and husband David traveled to California last summer. She enjoyed catching up with **Anne Goebel Baines**. **Jill Fallon Maple** is still with Gillette. Jack 6 is into soccer, karate and Cub Scouts. Harrison 2 is into following Jack. **Leslie Bergman** reports that life is good on the Hopeful Farm. **Liz Hoskinson** is in Bronxville, NY, started a new position as a trainer and riding instructor at a horse farm. **Mary LaVigne Fletcher** is busy with all shapes, sizes and varieties of children and horses; she is operating Dreamcatcher Stables. Her daughters, Eugenia 5 and Henley 3 love riding their ponies. **Tricia Whelan Schenck** has been very busy getting her Masters of Ed., and a move to Albuquerque, NM. Her 5 children ages 7 to 12 are enjoying the "high desert". **Jennifer Hebb LaRose** has moved to Glastonbury, CT. She is a paralegal at CIGNA Corp. but still has time to shuffle Molly 12 and Sarah 9 between soccer games. **Rolfe Joyner DeShazor** is an SBC mom; daughter Carrie is a soph and loves it. Rolfe and husband are enjoying the memories that being on campus brings. Oldest son Christian is a "Rat" at VMI. Will, Mary Kate, and Maggie are still at home. **Polk Green** has her mechanical engineering degree. She has been promoted to Project Engineer and Project Manager

for Validation for Elizabeth Arden. The globe trotters!!! **Monika Kaiser** and Richard took their children (Alexa 10, and Julius 5) to Europe again last summer to visit their families and had a wonderful time. **Beth Engelsman Flanigan** spent the past summer in Charlevoix. Lacey is now 10, and Drew 16 is driving. This has been a "fantastic" year for **Ruth Fowler Bauerle**—husband Jack was a coach on the US team in Sydney with his swimmers winning Gold and Silver—way to go! **Ruth** works part time as an ophthalmologist assistant and full time as mom to John 8 and Magill 3. **Lele Frenzel Casalini** has been busy with her family, managing their farm, and traveling. Oldest, Guido 21, is a senior at Indiana U. Lele's other children, Eli 13, Liza 12, and Sophie are all involved with horse shows. Tom and Lele make it to Italy each year and last October she was off to Nepal with Outward Bound. When **Jennifer Rae** sent in her news she and Luigi had just returned from the Dominican Republic. Jennifer works in the e-commerce industry where there are some younger SBC graduates whom she enjoys working with. **Martha Tisdale Cordell** has survived a kitchen remodel! She continues to work part time as administrator for the University of Tulsa College of Law and is busy all other times with David Ryan, Jr. 9, and Mary Louise 6. Martha celebrated her 40th by going on a girl's only hiking trip in the Italian Alps. **Elizabeth Terzian**, who had just returned from a trip to western Turkey, doesn't ever remember writing in before. Elizabeth has spent the past 15 years in the computer software consulting industry and has her own company, Future World Consulting, Inc. About 10 years ago she spent 5 years working in Paris, France where she met her husband. They have been back in the states for 5 years. **Ann Morton Young Habliston** and Charlie had a whirlwind trip to Lisbon, Portugal.

Weddings!!! **Molly Finney** was married on October 14, 2000. **Brianna, Dirt, and Jean** were all bridesmaids. Molly wrote that after being in the throes of selling her house, his house, and fixing up their new house she was definitely looking forward to the honeymoon. **Heidi Slavin** writes that she is getting married for the first time in August 2001 and now has a partner in her world travels. **Nancy (Dirt) Daugherty Davidson** and family have moved back to Northern Virginia. She has seen **Ann Morton** and has heard via e-mail from **Laurie Barnett Manns** who now has 2 daughters and lives near **Jean von Schrader Bryan**. Jean is enjoying the Cincinnati area and its proximity to Virginia. Her children are doing great, Betsy 9, George 8, and Anne 7, all love their school. Jean is involved with the parent council, selling Mary Kay but still finds time to keep in touch with all her SBC friends. **Diane Dunaway, Sally Shepard Peek**, and

Torie Lee Adams all wrote about their fun weekend together near Atlanta with husbands and children. **Mary Ames Booker Sheret** had sad news to share her mother, **Catharine Booker '47**, died suddenly June 30, 2000. **Mary Ames** is still working at the Southern Oregon Historical Society but is contemplating a move back east. Babies!!! There are two expectant mothers in the class when this news was due but by the time it goes to print both will be delivered. **Patty Snodgrass Borda** is due 10-00 with their 1st baby. **Deborah Price Bowman** is due 2-01 with their 2nd. I am keeping busy with Kate 14, Matt 12 and tennis. I look forward to next year and all your notes. Sorry for being so concise, we have a strict limit on words. Note my new e-mail address – foureeds@home.com. Please write and have a great year!

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Suzy Ireland Dupree says all is well in Lexington. She is staying pretty busy with Emily (9), Elizabeth (7), Leighton (4) and Henry (1) and all of their schools and various activities, but did manage to have a wonderful trip to Sedona, AZ, this fall for her grandparents' 65th wedding anniversary party. **Bobbie Serrano Black** took a birthday trip to Ireland and her husband threw a surprise party for her before the trip. **Margie Scott Johnson** came up from Raleigh, with **Tracy Gatewood**, **Nancy Cunningham Mauck**, **Joan McGettigan**, and **Janet Shepherd Luis** being absent coconspirators. **Libby Glenn Fisher** says her life revolves around kids these days. Both Wil (8) and Mary Kathryn (6) are attending a school for gifted children that is relatively new and is desperate for parent volunteers so she is quite busy. She would like to also send her best to all of her SBC friends!! **Mimi Kitchel Decamp** finally has both boys in school together so life is good. That leaves her more time for real estate but it means more activities for the children too!! **Elizabeth Taylor Seifert** had a baby in February 2000; Peter VonWiller Seifert. She survived a company merger, and was a Florida chad war widow. She is horseback riding again and loves it. **Amy Boyce Osaki's** big news is that Heidi Shizumi Osaki was born March 14, 2000. Heidi's been to Europe three times, to the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean and to Hawaii. That's what happens when your parents own a travel adventure company!! Amy would love to hear from other SBC entrepreneurs. **Mason Bennett Rummel** says her job is wonderful and so is Rick. He has started a second company related to medical equipment. They recently moved to a

103 year old home, which keeps them busy with renovations!! **Wylie Jameson Small** is working on a novel. It's a story told through letters between two friends over a 15- year time period. She also still runs her consulting business. Rudy (7) is continuing to play competitive squash. **Ann Goldmann Uloth** took a three- month leave of absence after five years at Fidelity Investments and she is going to go on a cruise around the world. **Lisa Rogness McDermott** is enjoying her first year of marriage after a wonderful honeymoon in Cozumel. She is now working in the Dean's office at St. Olaf College. **Sharon Patton Massie** is still living on her farm on Amherst. Her big news is that they purchased the bar that used to be in the Bistro!! Sweet Briar had an auction and the bar was up for sale! They now have it set up in their barn, which they have converted to a gathering place for friends. **Laura Mixon Rodriguez** is busy with her three children Leandro (9), Miranda (6) and Christina (2) and teaching part-time at East Carolina University. She would love to connect with any SBC alumnae in the Greenville, NC area. **Betsy Birkhead Glick** loves being a stay at home mom for her sons Kevin (8), and Christopher (3). She misses everyone at SBC and still keeps in touch with **Julia Bass Randall**, **Lizanne Schumacher Quinn** and **Amy Seddon Leger**. **Ellen Chaney Webster's** big news is the birth of her son, Andrew Christopher in November 2000. **Miriam Baker Morris** is still working part-time at her church and busy with her children Claiborne (12) and Sally (10). She says she heard from **Libby Schmitt Pruitt** who is living in Macon, GA and busy with her two boys. **Bridget O'Reilly Holmes** is very active in her girls' school and continues to do projects with the new children's museum—Stepping Stones Museum for Children—in Norwalk, CT. She was able to see **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** in March while skiing in Colorado. **Amy Painter Hur** is still in Austin, TX and busy with her daughters' school sports and Girl Scouts. **Gigi Harsh Mossburg** is really enjoying applying her art history in her job as a design consultant at Best Tile. **Rebecca Caggin** writes in after several years 'away' with news of her fight with breast cancer in 1997. She is on the road to recovery and living with her parents and two wonderful children in Warsaw, VA. She is working from home for American Express and really enjoys it. **Alice Cutting Laimbeer** enjoyed a mini SBC reunion with **Lucy Chapman Millar**, **Elizabeth Sprague D'Meara**, **Anne Little Woolley** and all of their families at an island south of Savannah. She and Rick are planning a dual 40th birthday trip to Kenya in June. **Alicia Nygaard Formagus** and her husband Nace are building their second home and moving their dental practice to Golden Grove. Their son William

(12) is enjoying playing basketball and their second son, Thomas, is busy pursuing an acting career in film. **Anne Little Woolley** writes that **Nancy Cunningham Mauck** completed a wonderful portrait of her son, Prescott. Along with the crowd at the mini reunion (mentioned above) she saw **Patee White Ramsey** at the SBC Annual Luncheon in Richmond. **Margaret Enochs Jarvis** has been named medical director at Marworth, the alcohol and chemical dependency treatment center of the Penn State Geisinger Health System. **Joan McGettigan** has left the corporate world to join the teaching ranks and is now a 5th grade teacher in New Caanan, CT. **Lee Anne MacKenzie Chaskes** has news of the birth of her son, Adam on June 27, 2000. Robert and I are still in Marblehead, MA. Rachel is 3 and Andrew is 1, which keeps us quite busy. Robert is in his second year at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, pursuing his M.Div. degree. I am still at Lotus and believe it or not after all of these years, really enjoy hearing from everyone!! Thank you again for sending me your news!!

1985

President: Julie Hickman Thompson
and Barbara Tragakis Conner
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Hello to everyone! It was great to see everyone who attended reunion. We had a blast. As some of us are settling into life status quo others are making big changes. **Ashby Clark Hopkins**, husband Jim, Eliza (4), and Tommy (1) moved to Winston-Salem, NC. **Michelle O'Neill** and Marshall Mills became engaged in Venice during August 2000 and she was promoted to the Senior Executive Service at the Department of Commerce. **Barbara Tragakis Conner** has started an organizational consulting business. **Jane Cox Murray** and Bart welcomed their first child, James Arrington (9-6-99). **Catty Hubbard** and Michael Andry were married 11-20-99 and make their home in Charlotte, NC. **El Warner** is now Director of Communications at the Multiple Sclerosis Society in NYC. **Sharon McKinney Herman** and Clark welcomed their first baby, Harry Standish on 9-22-00. **Beth Anderson Kerns**, husband Ed, and Jack (2 1/2) have moved to the peace and quiet of southern NH. She is still with Fidelity and working on her masters. **Laura Groppe** got engaged over the Millennium and Girl Games is growing and doing well. She sees **Mimi Godfrey Hockman** and is godmother to her son. **Cathrien de Kruijff-de Liagre Bohl** had baby number 4, a boy, Pepijn on 9-30-2000. **Debbie Fischer Oleisky** is busy as mom and Chemistry teacher at Garrison Forest where Sarah started 1st

grade and Emily is in preschool. **Laurie Limpitlaw Krambeer** welcomed a baby girl in March 2000. **Heidi Belofski Turk** had the youngest attendant at reunion with Grant Alexander, born 2/00. She had to accelerate the move into their new house so as not to interfere with reunion. **Brigid McGlynn Lengyel** has moved back to the East Coast, Cohasset MA, with husband John, Caroline (5), Mary (2 1/2) and Emily (4 mths). **Frances Clardy Hooper** has also returned to the East Coast, Concord MA where Bobby (5) started kindergarten and twins William and Woodard (3) enjoy preschool. Frances still keeps busy with government Special Events. She saw **Lesley Allen Bell** while in DC and often sees **Perry Liles Lucas** and **Mary Bliss McGrath**. **Anne Maus** was honored with Charter Membership into The Speakers Circle in DC by Congress and with Life Membership with the Republican Senatorial Inner Circle. **Andrea Wilber Robertson**, Neil, and Graham (5 1/2) welcomed Cameron 2/00. **Martha Boxley Creasy** and Grimes are enjoying their new home. They purchased the childhood home of Nancy Cunningham Mauck ('83) and Betsy Cunningham Morgan ('87). **Caperton Morton Andersson** and family are doing great in Raleigh, NC but report that Caperton's dad passed away this summer (2000). Many remember him at their farm behind SBC. **Angelique Aiken Little** is still at Hofstra Univ. as Professor of Clinical Psychology. **Maha Kanoo** vacationed in the Maldives and became a diving enthusiast. She hopes to have her art exhibit next year. **Leigh Watkins Taylor** and Gracie (9) are still in New Zealand. She now has two companies, Reel New Zealand Productions and "Wankles" Clothing (sorry Leigh if I spelled it wrong-I couldn't read it very well). **Ruth Sill** is still in Atlanta as a librarian with Kimberly-Clark. **Perry Liles Lucas**, Bob, Robby (7), George (5), Jane Perry (15 mths) are enjoying a new neighborhood in Charlotte NC and stay busy with school and church. **Ro Gambrell Holman** and husband Kendall expect their first baby in January 2001. **Heather Homonnay Finly**, George, Isabelle (9), and Emma (7) have finished remodeling their home and have settled back into volunteering and kids' school activities. Heather and George plan a trip to Budapest this spring. **Louellen Brooks Meyer** and family are still in San Antonio, TX where she is busy as Organist and Director of Music at church and co-founder and administrator of a Fine Arts School. **Elizabeth Kelly Ravitz** has begun to job-share her position as Internet Services Product Mgr. with ATT and loves being able to spend more time with Alexander (7), Rebecca (5) and Jessica (1). **Jeanie Guthans Wilkins** has taken up golf and enjoys playing with boys, Richard (11), Christopher (7), and Michael (4). **Leanne Weber Kreis** is

still in the hospitality/commercial furniture business. The whole family is enjoying spending time on the Chesapeake on their boat. **Cheryl Fortin Young** is enjoying her job as stay-at-home mom and very busy with kids Tate (10), Timothy (5), and Kayla (4) as well as playing tennis, softball, sailing, and skiing. **Melissa Schoen Hitt** reports nothing exciting happened this year but daughter Katie (6) loved the glowsticks and flashlights during the power outage at reunion. **Martha Swanson Muller** lives in Ashburn, VA with husband Roger and son Braeden (19mths). She is working for UUNET, which is part of Worldcom. **Gale Oerli Braswell** is moving to a mini-horse farm and welcomed a new addition to the family, Lauren, born 4-19-00. **Mary Woodward Fraser** was appointed Teacher Fellow at the U of Stirling, Scotland and elected Chair of the Branch Training Group of Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. She is also working on her masters and her pre-war house. **Julie Hickman Thompson** and Dan have moved from CA to DC where Dan will do his surgery residency at Georgetown. Julie will continue her work with the National Audubon Society. **Laura Morrisette Clark** is keeping busy in Mobile with golf, tennis, and travel. Lee (13) was chosen the juvenile king of Mardi Gras and is very involved in athletics. Tee (11) is heading for the southeastern hall of fame for swimmers and will be recognized in 8 events. **DeAnne Blanton** is working part-time at the National Archives and raising Sam (2). Her book will be published in 2001. **Chantal Pirrone Sexton** and Bill spent their 5th anniversary in France with Will (21 mths) in tow. As for me, I am still in the Lynchburg area. John is a pilot for Northwest Airlines and commutes to Detroit. Alexandra (7) is in 2nd grade and dance. Chandler (4) enjoys preschool. When I'm not doing regular mom duties I go to Bible study, work on scrapbooking, and bike. I want to get news out to everyone in between magazines and thought I could pass along any news via email. If anyone wants to send info to gcsbc85@cs.com I will send it out to everyone whose email address I have.

1986

President: Jennifer Crossland
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An exciting reunion year is upon us! Thanks for all of your great news!

April Adelson Marshall reports exciting news of recently having formed her own company; she consults as a technical recruiter. Children Lily (9) and Hayden (7) are well, and although she and husband Steve have

separated, she knows great things await her in 2001! **Minshall Bridgers Edgar** reports that life is great! She has 2 girls, Lindeman (3) and Ana, born 11/11/2000. She and her family live in Wilson, NC on their family farm, along with their horses. She works helping her mother operate the farm and enjoys fox hunting. **Harriette Cooper Liederbach** and her family have moved to Wake Forest, NC where her husband, Mark, is a professor at Southeastern Seminary. They have 3 children, Daniel (8), Hannah (7), and Katherine (1). Harriette is beginning to ride again and says it feels good to be back on a horse! **Sarel Cousins** married Bill Haegele on 5/22/99. **Shappy Donnelly LaPointe** and **Kathy Gilchrist** (Sweet Briar Outdoor Program Leader) attended the wedding. Sarel and Bill live on a lovely farm near Frederick, Maryland and would love to hear from other local SBC'ers. Bill is actively seeking a pharmaceutical sales rep. job; can anyone help him out?! Class President **Jenny Crossland** has been busy working on our 15th reunion and has really enjoyed it. Jenny became President of the Richmond SBC Alumnae club last year. She was also Maid of Honor at Linda Mae Visocan's ('87) wedding last summer. **Drusilla Davis Fadus** enjoys life as the mother of 3 in Marietta, GA. She and husband Joe celebrated the arrival of child #3, Katherine Grace, in August, 2000. Dru also reports that she and **Christine Navratil Deeler** plan to see each other in 2001; it will be the first time these two "roomies" have gotten together in 9 years! **Deanne Dawson James** and David welcomed their first child, Teagan McKane James, on 3/9/00 and by the time she is 1 year old, she will have been to 8 states, 5 countries and 3 continents! Deanne is now working from home as Vice President of Legato Systems and reports David has become very "Americanized" since moving to the US 3 years ago - but he hasn't lost his accent! **Linda DeVogt** continues to live in Richmond and work at Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield as Senior Account Representative for Major Sales. She also still serves on the Alumnae Board of SBC as 3rd Vice President. In fall, 2000 **Karen Gonya Nickles** and **Sue Finn Adams** got together in Richmond for a mini-reunion. **Shappy Donnelly LaPointe** and husband Garth are in their 5th year teaching at Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, MA, where they live in a dorm. They have 3 children, Morgan (8), Cullen (6), and McVitty (5). **Pamela Edwards** is a producer for television commercials and lives in Santa Monica, CA. Pamela keeps in touch with **Cara Heard Elliot**. **Sue Finn Adams** is greatly enjoying her life. She works part-time, from home, doing marketing and research for a publisher. She keeps busy with children, Elizabeth (6), Benjamin (3), and Thomas (2). She and husband Michael are excited about

their move in June into Michael's childhood home, which was built by his dad **Laura Hand Glover** and Stephen are still living in Houston, and enjoy traveling, entertaining, and working hard. Son, Patrick is now 6 and in kindergarten, while daughter, Amber, is a sophomore at SBC and just loves it. Laura's highlights for the last year were leading 2 women's spiritual retreats and teaching an on-going bible study class at a nearby nursing home. All is well with **Mimi Holland Dinsmore** in Charleston, WV. Her son, Mac, is 7, is in 1st grade, and is "all boy". Mimi works part-time at an art gallery and in 2000 she opened and currently manages an Episcopal book store at her church on a volunteer basis. After a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming last fall, Mimi discovered she loves fly-fishing and has taken it up as a hobby! **Elizabeth Lindsey** reports that her life remains unchanged. She is still living in Hebron, IN with husband Ken, bass-set Jane, and 2 pet rats. She continues to work as a Senior Editor for ETS in Princeton, NJ, via telecommunication. In the winter she enjoys quilting and in the summer, gardening. Aloha from Maui from **Tricia Lonick**, who married Rey Vergel de Dios on 7/1/2000. The wedding was held in Orange, VA, with the reception at her parents' bed and breakfast, The Hidden Inn. **Susan Swagler Cowles** was a bridesmaid. Tricia still works at the Hyatt Regency Maui as the Wildlife Manager (15 years!), but is currently beginning to work in real estate with Caldwell Banker. **Lynn Malher Charette** resides in CT with her (now) 3 children, Elizabeth Hurst Charette (born 8/25/99), Ben (6), and Tucker (4). Lynn and her family enjoy skiing all winter and beaching it all summer. She keeps in touch with many classmates, including Joanna Doyle ('87), who is an architect for Disney in CA. **Jennifer Memmott Rosenberg** keeps busy with the schedules of her 3 children, Henry (6), Olivia (4), and Margot (1), in addition to volunteering for 3 organizations and playing tennis. **Mary Beth Miller Orson** reports that she and Carl are enjoying life in Scottsdale, AZ with their 2 year old daughter, Caroline. Mary Beth has left law firm life and currently works as Assistant General Counsel for Honeywell Aerospace. She sees Eve Hill, who is Director, Western Law Center for Disability Rights in Los Angeles. **Michelle Miller Haddad** is "at home" with 2 year old daughter Isabella and has a part-time home business, in addition to volunteering at her girls' schools. She would love to hear from any '86 SBC grads! Enjoying her life in Boston with Chris and their 2 girls is **Harriett McNair Alexander**. Harriett works a few hours a week for an architectural firm. Dreams are coming true for **Mary Corrine Neale**, as she has received a Masters Degree in Social Work from Fordham University and has moved to a small town on the

shore. **Tracy Pryba Baugham** and **Graham** live in Richmond, VA with their 3 daughters, Hayley (born 5/96) and identical twins Olivia and Lauren (born 11/99). She is still "retired" from Whitehall-Robins but is looking forward to getting back to work and having some adult interaction. She keeps in touch with **Corrine Neale** and **Donna Prommas Duchow**. **Leigh Ringier Bennett** reports that she still works for Computer Sciences Corp. as Associate Partner heading up Development and Learning for the market solutions group...but she is embarking on a career change! Leigh has started pursuing her Masters Degree in exercise and sports physiology; she will also compete at the Spring Virginia Horse Trials in 2001 in Lexington, VA. **Ashley Simmons Bright** keeps busy in New Orleans being mom to their 3 children, Ella (10), Gordy (8), and Walker (4), driving, volunteering at school, and working with the Junior League. She and Edgar are building a weekend/summer house in Pass Christian, MS, which should be finished soon. The past year has been one of great travel for **Mariah Smith Malik**. She's been to London twice, Bermuda, and is planning a trip to St. Maarten in the Caribbean. She is very active in the Junior League of Raleigh and enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for 6 year old son, Jordan. **Beth Ann Trapold Newton** and her family moved to a new house in October, '99, but still live in McLean, VA. She reports that her children, Bonnie (5) and Gus (7), now both go to the same elementary school she attended! Beth is busy and content being at home, which they share with a new puppy, 2 cats, 2 gerbils, and assorted fish. **Janice Vandenheuvel Goodman** lives on a small farm in Enumclaw, WA with husband Cecil, daughter Paige (5), and son Clay (2). **Bella Vigueirie Gsell**, Gordon, and their 2 children, Christopher (4), Anne Claire (2) live in New Orleans. They are expecting their 3rd child in August, '01. She keeps in touch with **Elizabeth Haynie Wainstein** and **Julie Weyand Watson**, but otherwise feels like she has fallen off the face of the earth and will be back (hopefully) in 20 years! **Ingrid Weirick Squires** teaches 1st grade in Virginia Beach, while she and husband Dave anxiously await the birth of their first child in June, '01. **Elizabeth Wharton Charles** lives in Pittsford, NY with her husband, Nick, and their 2 children, Eugene (6) and Emily (2). She volunteers at her son's school and is active in the Junior League of Rochester. **Leigh Ann White** lives and works in Washington, DC while working on a Ph.D. dissertation in health economics at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore. **Vickie Wolf Rosenfield** and family have settled into their new home, where she thoroughly enjoyed rebuilding the gardens. Daughter Emily (6) is in 1st grade at

Bryn Mawr and Will (5) is in kindergarten at Garrison Forest, where she regularly sees **Heather Shettle Witherspoon** and her girls. **Rebecca Young Metro** enjoys life as a stay-at-home mom to her 2 children, Katie (3) and Andrew (1). They recently moved to a new house in Arlington, VA and will celebrate their 8th wedding anniversary in London in April, '01. As for me, I was fortunate to do a lot of traveling with my husband while living in Europe over the last 2 years, but in March, '01 we moved back to the US from Denmark and will be making NJ home. Thanks for all of your well wishes and class notes postcards over the last 5 years. I've greatly enjoyed being your class secretary!

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President: Tracy Tigerman Thompson

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Lisa-Ann Strong Acquario lives in Albany, NY with husband, Stephen, and son, Stephen Jr. (almost 1). She is the Assistant to the Director of NY State Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council. Her husband practices law and is counsel and legislative director for the NY State Association of Counties. **Stacy Meadows Apter** moved into a new house, adopted 2 puppies and 2 weeks later had a baby (Abi, 6/5/00). Big brother, Joshua (3) is doing well. Stacy has returned to work and a "normal" routine. **Denise Landau Blind** says Tyler (6) started kindergarten and Chelsea (3) is in pre-school. Denise has become a Tupperware Consultant, which she really enjoys. They vacationed in Palm Springs, CA, where she caught up with Christine Navratil Deeter '86. **Caroline Corum** accepted a position with Key Bank and will be moving to Seattle in October. She and **Cecilia Moore** were in **Beth Stookey Sargent's** wedding in June in Manassas. Caroline says Beth and husband, Doug, are in Fairfax and Beth teaches in Prince William County and Cecilia had a fellowship to do research in NYC and is still on faculty at U of Dayton. **Suzanna Reed Creveling** had a baby girl 7/3/00, Sally Reed. She has 2 other children, Isabel (6) and Andrew (4). She enjoys being a stay-home mom in tiny Enterprise, AL. She keeps up with **Carrie Winkler Rowe** and **Elsa Scagel Conway**. **Stacey Vilar Csaplar** and Andy have adopted their 2nd child, Arden, born 5/12. Rory is now 2. Stacey is a full-time mom and having fun. The next addition is a puppy in the spring. **Laura Dean** is still working at Printing Services at Radford University. She is engaged to Joe Goliás and they have a wedding date 10/27/01. Joe plans on getting his Ph.D. in History. They are planning a family down the

road, but for now have 3 grown cats and 2 kittens. **Susan Detweiler** guides for American Alpine Institute in the Washington Cascades, but lives in CO. She guided climbs in Canada, Bolivia and Mt. Kilimanjaro. Her personal climbing took her to Chile, where she climbed previously unclimbed mountains, Argentina and Mt. Kenya. Unfortunately, her travelling lifestyle was too much for Peter, who ended the relationship in the fall. In Seattle, she met up with Vinca Swanson '94, another mountaineer. **Ashley DeVan** moved to Austin, TX last year and is working for Dell Computer as a Sr. Business Lead for the consumer business web site. She keeps in touch with **Melinda Williams** who is in Santa Barbara, working for Kenny Loggins, **Angie Cabell Wolkiewicz**, who is finishing her law degree in Richmond, and **Trish Winkler Johnson**, who is living in MN with her 2 sons. She also says **Erin Babcock Wallace** is in Raleigh, NC and that she keeps in touch with **Mary Nelson Densmore Notaro** and **Meg White**, who just moved from Richmond to Norfolk. **Augusta Harrison Dunstan** had her 2nd child, Guenevere Rose Dunstan, on 5/27/00. Guen has had some "tough love" from her big sister, Millicent (10/12/96), but says they are all doing well. **Minta Jones Ford** has 2 children, a boy (22 mos.) and a girl (7 mos.). She is a full-time mom and recently saw **Beth Bennett Haga** and **Katie Keogh Snelling**. **D. Andrea Fraley** married G. E. Martin 8/8/99. They currently live in Denver, CO with 2 dogs. She finishes graduate school 12/00. **Cary Grant Gallagher** is busy as President of the Philadelphia Alumnae Club of SBC. She is involved with school activities with her children, Dylan (10), Amanda (9), Charlie and Sam (4-year-old twins). **Kate Cole Hite** has been busy with a recent illness with her daughter (she is home and better now). She and Tucker are great. Kate is still the Director of Finance at the Naval Academy Alumni Association. Chase started pre-school and Mackenzie is 2. Kate keeps in touch with Katie Keogh Snelling. **Kelly Meredith Iacobelli** took a job in June at Coca-Cola as a National Promotion Manager. She and John are enjoying Atlanta. **Cynthia Jackson** lives with her boyfriend, Tommy Cummings, in Oakland, CA and works in the restaurant biz in San Francisco. Her restaurant (www.kokkari.com) was named one of the top 10 in SF by *Gourmet*. **Julie Lindauer Jacobson** graduated from Emory's Physician Assistant program 12/99 and works for the Emory Clinic in Family Medicine and serves as a faculty member. She saw **Stacey Sickels Heckel** in D.C. **Elizabeth Belser Kistler** is doing great in Spartanburg with her babies, Samuel Mikell (2) and Lauren (4). She works at a boutique called "Raglands" and loves being back in retail. Jim is now the owner of Power Business Forms.

Denton Freeman Kump got a faculty position at the Medical College of VA in the Dept of Pharmacology and Toxicology, writing grants, doing research and teaching, in addition to still working at Pharmaceutical Research Associates, plus having 3-year-old and 18-month-old boys. **Jenniter Crawley Lewis** and husband, Max, have bought a house in Palm Beach, FL and are undergoing "renovation stress." **Whitney Bolt Lewis** has been very busy. She gave birth to Conner 10/5/00 and is getting ready to open her own veterinary practice with 2 partners 12/00. **Christina Savage Lytle** enjoys mommy-time and overseeing the renovation of their house. Lucie (3) keeps Christina and JD busy and they are expecting their 2nd child 2/14/01. She saw sister, Renee Savage '92 and husband, John. She has seen Susan Marshall Lawrence '86 and many other SBCers. **Katherine McCoid** moved from NY to London 2/00 to manage marketing services group for INVESCO Asset Management. She lives in Notting Hill and enjoys wonderful weekends all over Europe and met **Lee Carroll Roebuck** and her husband, Charles, in Rome. She looks forward to a visit from **Brooke Rinehart Dunn** and husband, Page. **Paige Shiller Okun** had Charles Bennet "Ben" Okun on 9/14/00. She and Steve are well and Paige is on maternity leave until 1/01. **Heidi Metzger Potter** is busy with Andrew and Collin, volunteering in school. She had a great time at Sharon Staley's '87 wedding 4/00 and saw her again in FL 6/00. **Kathryn Ingham Reese** says her daughter, Landon, turns 1 and in May, Kathryn will receive her M.Ed. in Reading/Writing/Literacy from U Penn. She continues to teach 3rd grade at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, DE. **Jennifer Bach Rosen** and Rob had their 2nd child, William Leucht Rosen 4/10/00. Matt (3 1/2) is being a wonderful big brother. Jennifer is working part time this year. She saw **Grace Quirk Thompson** during her recent trip to New Orleans. She says Grace is well and has 2 adorable little girls who keep her busy. **Tracy Tigerman Shannon** got remarried this summer to John Shannon. She is happier than she has ever been and is still in the same location and job. **Mary Halliday Shaw** loves life in San Diego with husband, Brad, twin sons Jack and Mike (9) and Kevin (5). She teaches preschool 3 times per week to 3 and 4-year-olds. **Heather Gregory Skeens** is married to Ed Skeens and has 2 children, ages 10 & 6. She works at the Dept of Social Services as a Protective Service Supervisor and is at U of MD for an MBA. **Stephanie Sage Smirnov** (Wilt) is married and just celebrated her 1st anniversary with Max Smirnov. She is still in the PR field in NYC and just started a new job as Asst. VP of PR for L'Oreal USA.

Stephanie Sprouse is in Arlington and was recently promoted. She has a

baby boy due 3/6/01 and says Tobin is very excited and will have to find studio space since his studio will be the baby's room. **Kelly Brown Varga** and Geoff continue living in Germany and love it. Jack (4) & Emery (3) are attending German kindergarten and have quickly become fluent. They enjoy travelling, skiing and the slower pace of life. **Courtenay "Nici" Fraley Williams** and Jim moved to a new house. Their son, Jake, is almost 2 and they still have their 3 dogs. Jim is still practicing law and Nici doesn't miss it at all! **Heather Shettle Witherspoon** has decided to take time off from her law practice to spend more time with her daughters, Amanda (5) and Charlotte (3) and to oversee the renovation of their home in Baltimore. She sees **Mary Alyce Keyser Corbett** as she lives in DC and has a daughter, Sarah Jane. Bill and I continue to live in Winchester, VA. Our private practice is very busy, but we make sure to take time off for travel and golf. I can't wait for the SBC Centennial Spring '01 and hope to see many classmates there.

1989

President: Whitney Bay
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Yeah! We no longer have a limit on how many words we can write in the Class Notes. It's a good thing, because you all have been very busy! I can also accept news from you at any time to include in any issue of the magazine. We are not limited to just once a year anymore.

Deborah Schmidt married Perry Robinson in Seal Harbor, ME, on 7/1/00. She has been promoted to Senior Vice President at Sotheby's in New York (1), lives in Huntsville, AL, with husband Ray, and children, Tindall (4) and Huston Beth Wheeler Morning (2). **Mary Ann Kramlich-Nash** has started teaching part-time at Gymboree play programs since both children, Abbie (5) and Thomas (4), are now in school. **Ruth Taul Magnusson** is still living in San Francisco with husband, Peter, and their one-year old daughter, Caroline. **Brooke Haw Spencer**, Madison (W&L '79), and daughters Elsie (6) and Millie (3) are still living in Charlottesville. She would love to see any classmates passing through. **Andrea Williams Oakes** lives in Staunton with husband, Kenneth, and two girls, Jaclyn (6) and Alexandria (5). She still works for the Cincinnati Insurance Co. She has also been elected to the Staunton School Board. **Joy Canada Faust** is still living in Lynchburg with husband, Thomas, and their bulldog, Molly. She is a Special Education teacher with Amherst County Public Schools. **Cameron Carson Mosier** has been named the director of

marketing and public relations for the Kershaw County Medical Center. **Sydney Loughran** married Andreas Wolf on 11/21/98. **Vicki Hunton** lives just south of Houston in Thompsons, a town of 167 people near the Brazos River. She is managing a ranch where they raise beef cattle and sport horses. She loves living in a restored 1863, Victorian home. She still enjoys participating in horse showing and had one of her yearlings place 5th in the Zone in 2000. **Heather Varney Rooney** lives in Potomac, MD, with husband, Frank, three daughters and their son, Patrick, born 10/7/00. **Tish Markey Hutter** sends greetings from Mexico. She, Rob and children, Harrison (6), Katherine (4) and Anna (1) have been living in Mexico City for a year. They are under a 3-year contract with Cargill, Inc. They spent Christmas in Akumal on the Yucatan Peninsula. Anyone traveling to Mexico City can email Tish at tishhutter@hotmail.com. **Stacey White Law** and Ty are living in Atlanta and are currently building a house. Stacey is a commercial real estate broker with NAI Brannen Goddard, and Ty just finished graduate school and works as a consultant for Radiant Systems. **Amy Sanidas** and husband, Daniel, have moved from Berkeley, CA to New York City. Daniel is pursuing a postdoctoral position in psychology at Columbia University. Amy was able to continue working for E*TRADE Group as a teleworker. She provides research and analysis on the online financial service industry. **Lisa Koob** married Jeff Fawcett on 11/4/00, in a small church service in Houston. **Nancy Quinones Chancler** was her Matron of Honor. Nancy still lives in Richmond and works for the VA Economic Development Partnership. **Kristen Layman Mahoney** is still Director of Grants for the Baltimore Police Dept. and plays lots of tennis. **Anne Caston** lives in Baltimore and is a RN at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center. She married Scott Gaa in a lovely outdoor wedding at Evelynnton Plantation, 9/16/00. **Kristen Mahoney** and **Annette "Skippy" Shillestad** were bridesmaids. **Heather Rooney**, then 8 months pregnant, was in attendance. **Abby Carter**, Eric Rudenshiold and son, Alexander have moved from Copenhagen to Warsaw, Poland. **Angie Cabell** and her husband have finally finished building their house. She finished law school in December, and took the bar exam in February. **Beth Gottlieb** lives in Atlanta and works at Donaldson & Co. Inc., an institutional stock brokerage firm. She sees **Amanda Germond**, **Nancy Belhea Howell '90**, and **Ailish O'Connor '90**, on a regular basis. She has visited with **Christen Anderson Abernathy** and other classmates when traveling for her job. **Sans Good Washington** has finished her principal certification. She continues to teach in an inner-city primary school in Kentucky. She is chair-

ing Sustainer Relations for Junior League. She and husband, Michael, are busy with sons William (8) and Benjamin born 6/00. **Sarah Anderson Slanton**, Murray, Gray (3) welcomed Olav Anderson Stanton into the family on 8/31/00. They moved into their new house just one week before Olav was born. Sarah continues to teach piano and plays duo piano works with a friend. Murray is busy with his law office and the farm is doing well. **Christina Stollz Feldkamp** and Scott had a baby girl, Ariel Noelle, 12/1/00, (7 lbs. 5 ozs., 19.5 inches). Chrissy is enjoying being a stay at home mom. Scott completed his Masters in Educational Leadership last year, and should be an Assistant Principal next school year. **Sara Stone Mueller**, James and son, K.J., have moved to Lake Oswego, OR, south of Portland. **Beth Hodgkins Green** is doing well in Scituate, MA, as the Music Lady. She opened her own studio last May where she teaches 9 classes a week to 70 clients, parents and children. She also teaches music enrichment at 47 preschools and kindergartens. She loves the schedule, because she can work mornings and be home with son, Michael (5), in the afternoons after preschool. **Kim Kline Malone** and David are expecting twins in June! **Brendan (3)** will have both a baby brother and sister. **Pauline Hanson Palm** and Chris are still living in Arlington, TX. She loves teaching at Meadowbrook Christian School and will be the yearbook chairperson this year. Chris is working for Family Christian Stores. **Sandy Compton Sellman** and Neil welcomed Alexandra Lynn on 2/7/00, (8 lbs. 4 ozs. 20 1/4 inches). **Allyson Welch Cain** has received her Masters in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University. She is working for washingtonpost.com as a technical manager. Working for a .com and a news organization is very exciting, but, "three weeks of election coverage made us all crazy." Ally, Tom and Nicole (2) live in Fairfax, VA. **JoAnn Bogolin** lives in Atlanta. She now has two Dachshunds, Daisy and Posey. She works as a healthcare actuary at Tillinghast-Towers Perrin. **Kate Robinson Hillestad** and John are expecting their first child in March. Kate is teaching third grade this year, and John is working on getting his MBA at VCU. I have been fortunate to attend two great mini-reunions this year! One was hosted by **Allyson Cain** at her home in Fairfax. The other was hosted by Kate Hillestad at her home in Richmond. As **Joann Bogolin** said, "We had a fun-due time!" It was great getting together with all of you! I was promoted this year to Project Manager for the BioProducts Division of Wako Chemicals USA. I am enjoying the new challenges and the traveling. Thanks everybody for sending your news and helping me locate several "lost" classmates. Keep the email coming, fanhan@prodigy.net.

1991

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I hope everyone has had a great year and here is the latest from our classmates. **Beth Robinson Dean** had her second child on 06/18/00 – Alexandria Ann. She has opened her own landscape and design garden center with her husband and is still teaching third grade. **D'Andrea Simmons** started her own entertainment company and has directed her first film. It is entitled "Remembrance Rising" and will premier at the Sundance Film Festival. She is spending her time between Dallas and Los Angeles and recently went to Washington, D.C. for **Kristen Walberg's** baby shower. **Shelbie Filson** moved into her new home and is still performing in theatre productions. **Erin Katz** is currently a third year urology resident at the University of Chicago after finishing two years of general surgery at The Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. **Laura Rose Martin** had a girl, Elizabeth Azalee, on 6/14/00. She keeps in touch with Emily Leming. **Suzanne Petrie** is still living in Washington, D.C. working as a Senior Country Director of Inter-American Affairs for the Secretary of Defense. She travels a lot to Latin America and spends her free time training her horse. **Signee Hofman** has completed her Chiropractic Neurologist degree and has been swimming ocean races in Santa Barbara, CA. **Allene Doucette** has moved back to Virginia with her dog and is enjoying her freedom. **Carlin McKenna Moroney** and her husband are busy renovating their new house. They have two daughters, Ellen (6) and Hannah (4). **Mamie Farmer Farley** lives in Richmond, VA where her husband is a lawyer. They have a son, Miller, who is now 15 months old. She has visited with **Elliott Pitts**. **Anne Crow Galanides** and **Dawn Monahan Nelson**. **Liz Hourihan** is in her 2nd year of residency for family medicine in California. **Penny Tadler** is still in New York and teaches special education at the Mary McDowell Center. She has recently started teaching children's literature and social studies at Adelphi University. She keeps in touch with **Fle Carmouche Hill ('92)**, **Carey Bates**, **Kate Haw ('92)** and **Jill Fahy**. **Elliott Pitts** traveled to Ghana this past year. She is producing her third musical, still writing a weekly newspaper column, and is still in charge of fundraising at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland, ME. She has seen **Mamie Farmer Farley** and **Julie Brooks ('90)**. **Mary Lanford Price** and her husband have bought a house in Orange, VA. She is a newspaper reporter for the **Culpeper News**. **Leigh Matzdorf**

Chancler had a girl on 8/9/00, Alexandra Leigh, and lives in Philadelphia, PA. **Jen Kemper Wallis** had a girl on 8/3/00, Tatum Adele, after 32 hours of labor and a c-section. She is still an editor and her husband, Jeremy, is a network technician. Her sister is currently a student at SBC and loving it. **Jennifer Gregg** sees Jennifer Walcott ('90) and has been taking river trips on the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. She is planning on a trip to Munich and Rome soon. **Susan Spurrell** bought a house this past January and keeps in touch with **Melanie Duke**, **Amy Lemieux**, and **Kristen Walberg**. **Cathi Goslaw** is still working at Fortis Benefits Insurance, which has now moved to Washington, D.C. She keeps in touch with **Jill Randles** and **Tammy O'Malley Fein**. **Sonia Haddad** is enjoying life as a homemaker and raising her two children. Her husband is practicing cardiology in Lincoln, NE. **Paige Wright Phillips** had a girl, Caroline, this past August and lives in Phoenix, AZ. She is a bilingual teacher and sees Stephanie Turner ('93) often. **Ashley Quarrier Moran** had a girl on 9/13/00, Meredith. She and her husband are still living in Minneapolis, MN and loving it. **Kana Roess Goldsmith** lives in Birmingham, AL with her husband and son. She has heard from **Elizabeth Horsely** and **Brandi Beck Fowler ('90)**. **Bonnie Dawson** has been working as a reporter for a newspaper in Lovington, VA, has started her own television show, New Adventures, and will be traveling throughout the country finding topics. **Dawn Monahan Nelson** and husband have just completed an addition to their circa 1925 home. Her daughter, Libby (5), just started kindergarten and Morgan Jr. just turned one. **Laurel LeStrange** is living in the mountains near North Carolina. By day she is a psychologist, running a private agency for persons with developmental disabilities and mental illnesses. By night and weekends she is a volunteer EMT. She keeps in touch with **Amy Lemieux** and **Melanie Duke**. **Margo Ten Broeck** was married on 9/25/99 to Hugh Calkin. **Amber Vellenga** was maid of honor and **Squilly Walker** was matron of honor. As for me, I am still living near Wintergreen, VA. My son, Danny-Boy, started kindergarten this year and loves it. I have heard from **Connie Gehrman** and **Katherine Black ('92)** and would love to hear from any of my SBC classmates. You can call me at (804) 361-1827 or email me at ellisk@tigerfuel.com.

1992

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Ann Vogel Swan and her husband are doing well. They bought a house in July and had just enough time to paint and get ready for the arrival of their son, Liam Jason, born 9/7/00. She is planning on returning to work at the bakery where she has been working for the past 3 years, starting with weekends. **Kate Haw** loves her job as curator of exhibitions at the American Federation of Arts. She has been doing some great travel both for work and pleasure—recent trips to London, Madrid, and Florence, among other exciting places. She also is very honored to be godmother to Christopher Euston (one of twin sons of Kimberley McGraw Euston) and has lots of fun visiting those sweet little boys (and their parents!) in Westchester. **Jennifer McCallum Fulton** is a realtor in Texas where she lives with her husband, a great horse and six greyhound dogs. They are currently working on finishing the renovations of their 1923 home. She keeps in touch with **Amy Peck** and **Alli Difton** (93). Jennifer would love it if you would email her at jenniferfulton@juno.com. **Megan Spadaro Proffitt** and her husband are expecting a baby boy on 3/9/01. Meanwhile, she is teaching 2nd grade and keeps up with **Teresa Jones Hyatt**, **Kelly Brown Estes** and **Heather Metzler Allen**. **Diana Bradford** is still living in and loving New York. She is working for the Estee Lauder Companies in the International Division. Her biggest news to report is her engagement to Mr. Nicholas Walsh—with a wedding set for June 2, 2001 in NYC. **Julianne Hanneken Linza** had a big year with the birth of their baby boy James Foxx to whom their daughter Caroline is enjoying being a big sister. She sees Laurie Baker Knights (93) and her family often. **Amy Peck Driscoll** (where have I heard that last name before?) married Paul Driscoll (W&L) on Feb. 3rd and moved to VA Beach. **Jaimie DelMonte Galbreath** was her matron of honor. She keeps in touch on a regular basis with **Katie Miller Hennig**, **Jackie Geets**, **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan** and **Kelly Gardner**. Being new to the town, she would love to hear from any alumni in the Virginia Beach area. **Lori Saraniero** has relocated to the Northern VA area and has an exciting new job with Merck Pharmaceuticals. **Marilyn Adams** is still at the U.S. Equestrian Team as an Associate Director. In December she went to **Diana Bradford's** engagement party and saw Tracy Steele and her husband.

Kimberley McGraw Euston and her

husband Greg welcomed twin boys Alexander Gregory and Christopher James on October 15. She resigned from JP Morgan for a position as a Director of Institutional Fixed Income and Currency Sales at the investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. **Carrie Bake-Wong** is now working at General Motors in Market Research. Before starting this job, she and her husband traveled to Tibet, Nepal and Vietnam for a month. Other than that, she has been in touch with **Ann Knoke** (soon to be married), **Kristina Glusac**, **Debra Elkins**, and **Joely Minutella Hetherington** (who has a 11/2 year old boy). She hopes to see more of you all at the next reunion. **Lisa Newman Francisco** and her husband George moved to San Francisco in June and enjoy easy access to great hiking, the wine country, skiing, etc. She is not working right now, but is doing other things like painting chairs, doing some decorating, taking cooking classes, meeting new friends, organizing get togethers. She has kept up with quite a few from our class, and wishes she could see everyone more often. **Kathy Hughes** is still in Blacksburg, VA finishing up her Ph.D. in aquatic animal medicine. She is hoping to find a job where she'll be able to combine her veterinary degree and research experience. She saw **Stephanie Brundage Snasdell** and her beautiful daughter, Aiden, and **Kyra Moolan** in Miami last Spring. She also went to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida (GO HOK-IES!) and saw Michael Hartman (HSC'91)—he's also doing very well. Kathy also wants anyone who is in the SW VA area to please feel free to look her up! **Kasey Condy Duff** married Richard Duff who was in Law School at W&L when she was a senior. Since then she has had two children—Nicholas Condy Duff (6/18/99) and Emily Elizabeth Duff (12/7/00). She sold her import ceramics business in July and has stayed on to do some consulting. **Tricia Pheil** ran her first race of any kind and it was a biggie—the JFK 50 mile ultramarathon! She and her boyfriend finished in 13 hours and later took a week's vacation in the Dominican Republic to recuperate! (I'll say!) **Leise Scheppe Hammer**, her husband John and Jack (2 year old) are expecting a new addition to the family on April 15th. It will be another boy to be named Frank Macduff. They are still living in Tampa and are enjoying it. **Melinda Wick** is getting married on 6/2/01 with Nicole Gauthier (91), Claire Stapleton Batson (91) and Donna Peters (91) as bridesmaids. She works with Nicole and Claire at Carlson Marketing Group and enjoys traveling the world. **Kristina Glusac** recently began working at a new architecture firm in Chicago—Lucien Lagrange and Associates—as a Project Architect. (Congrats!) **Julie Brideswieser** is getting married to Ed Wingard in 6/01. **Judy Currie** is happily living in New

York City for what she thought would originally be 2 years but has turned into 9 years. She is getting married in September and has recently started a new business called Soul School. It was created to help people identify what they truly want in life and then create strategies to achieve their visions. She would love to hear from anyone.

Janeime Asbury Brown graduated from dental hygiene school last spring and loves her new job. She has two daughters—Jaela (5) and Janell (21/2) and lives in GA. **Elaine Barksdale Finucane** is enjoying Nashville as a residential real estate agent. Recently she and her husband, Michael, went duck hunting in MS with **Leise Scheppe Hammer** and her husband and Margaret Gibson. **Laura Davis Fiocchetta** and her husband Joe moved back to the U.S. from Toronto and settled in Fairfax, VA. Laura works in advertising where she produces print, radio, and TV campaigns for hi-tech clients. Her most rewarding news to date is the birth of daughter Katherine Cecila (a.k.a Kasey) in 8/99. **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** is settled in Williamsburg, VA and loves it. Sean is busy with First Union Securities as an asset manager and she is busy with McRae (2 1/2) while awaiting the arrival of baby #2 due 4/03/01. Margaret saw **Jen Toomey Driscoll**, **Trienel Ahearn Hickman**, **Laura Arceneaux** and **Diana Bradford** at Tracy Steele's wedding in FL in October. **Stacey Simpson** is happy to report that she has a new job working for Intervet selling equine pharmaceuticals. **Cricket Rabin Katalovsky** and her husband Kirill are doing well and loving living in San Francisco. She keeps in touch with **Katherine Black** and **Jennifer Gregg** and is looking forward to seeing **Charlotte Bonini** in the spring. **Kyra Meelan** is still working in the family flooring business with her brother and father. She got engaged on Christmas Eve to her boyfriend of 3 years, Judd. They are in the process of buying 30 acres of land to build a house and a barn where she will keep her horse and hopefully buy a pony for her niece so she can come over and ride. **Tracy Steele** got married on October 21st to Kevin Steele in Palm Beach, FL. They are currently living in Wynnewood PA where they are both practicing law. **Catherine Gornto Freeman** writes that life is hectic but fun with Charlotte (3) and David and Lawrence (1 yr). She saw **Holly Caswell King** and her little boy, Caswell, during a visit to Atlanta last fall. **Susan Schmidhauser** is an attorney with the Community Legal Aid Society in DE. She is looking forward to our 10-year reunion! **Charlotte Bonini** is living in Castine, Maine where she hopes to finish her Ph.D. **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** and her husband Charles have relocated from Annapolis to Hagerstown. She stays busy enter-

taining Kate (2 1/2) and is expecting baby #2 in mid 2/01. She loved seeing everyone at Tracy Steele's wedding in FL and is looking forward to celebrating with everyone again at **Diana Bradford's** wedding in 6/01. **Suzie Georgi** is still working in downtown Detroit as a Property Manager. **Keeley Sullivan Jurgovan** and her husband welcomed their son, Jon Hillyer into the world on 12/12/00. **Amy Ghiz** is working in web development and communications analysis for BellSouth Business Systems. She is also taking classes at Georgia State and studying for the LSAT in October. **Ginger Marks Collier** is having a great time in Memphis and her 17month old daughter, Stuart, is wonderful. She spent a weekend in NYC in 9/00 with **Elizabeth Roane**, **Ashley Celis Cavalier '93**, **Maria Bergh '93**, **Bonnie Insalaco '93**, **Hopie Carter** and **Beth James Longest '93**. **Kelly Brown Estes** is busy teaching second grade and being a mom to Benjamin (4) and Julia Katherine (2). They are living in VA and she keeps in touch with **Heather Metzler Allen** and **Megan Spadaro Proffitt**. **Katey Miller Hennig** has had a busy year at home caring for her 3-year-old son, Caswell. She and her husband are expecting their second child in 6/01. **Kelly Arden** moved to Atlanta in the summer of '99 and works full time in pharmaceutical sales for Schering-Plough Corp. She also keeps up her mental health license by working part-time doing individual counseling focusing mainly on women's issues. **Cathy Hindman** is busy with her children Tabitha (8) Jack (5) and Andrew (15 months). She also works as a volunteer coordinator for New Covenant Schools where Tabitha and Jack attend. **Amy Bingaman** is in Idaho running an outfitting business. She and Matt recently bought a house near the business and are renovating it, hoping to be in it in 4/01. She would love to hear from you via email at xdsamy@ctcweb.net. **Emily Ghiz** has joined Vermont Butter & Cheese Co. out of Vermont as a member of the sales and marketing team. As for me and my life... Clay and I are having a blast playing with our daughter Lily, who was born 5/9/00. I am looking forward to coming to the Centennial Gala with my mother in law Aline Rex McEvoy ('65) and her cousin Emory Furniss Maxwell ('74). I love hearing from you all and putting this together for you. Have a good summer!

1994

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With the success of our reunion year behind us, we 94's are moving up! Without further ado, let's start: **Kathy**

May moved to Colorado to be an event coordinator for the Spectralink Corp. She and **Alex Stewart** made this cross-country trip in May. She loves CO and spent her summer hiking and camping. **Kim Mounger Storbeck** is working as a reference librarian in Seattle. She and her husband Glenn just bought a house in Summer, WA. **Lee McEachern Collins** saw **Vinca Swanson** and **Patty Geets** this fall. She and her husband Bob just finished renovating their house in Newnan. She's working in Atlanta and loves her job with WTP WTMJ. **Linda Lombardo** is teaching 6th grade English in Davidson, NC. She has her youngest as a student this year! Her other kids are in the 11th grade, and a sophomore at UNC-Charlotte. She and Tony are truly enjoying their new freedom as their boys are growing more independent. **Carlene Harper Summer** is very happy with her real estate business. She and her husband went on a belated honeymoon cruise to the South Pacific and Tahiti. They hadn't had a chance to take time off in 2 years. **Liz Homoki** passed the VA Bar Exam and was sworn in on 10/30/00. She is a contract attorney at the Department of Justice Environmental Crimes section. **Shannon Hetzel Dykes** moved to Winston-Salem, NC so her husband Jim can get his MBA. She is teaching part time at the same Montessori school where Carter started in August. **Laura Greene Silsbee** and Mead are still in Park City, UT. Laura was nominated for Rookie of the year for real estate sales in Salt Lake City. She's busy, but looking forward to ski season. **Greta Eustace Sullivan** is living in Montclair, NJ. She and her husband have 2 little girls, and she sees **Bonnie Insalaco Abrams '93** and her daughter for regular playdates. **Amy Davis** submitted her Ph.D. thesis at University College London in Oct. She expects to receive her degree in 03/00 and now she's concentrating on finding an asst. professorship in film history. **Maggie Doley** recently returned from volunteering in Tanzania for 6 months, working with HIV and AIDS patients. She's on the east coast taking classes and plans to go back to school to be a naturopathic doctor. **Hopie Carter** is still enjoying NYC. She's still in product design at Tiffany & Co. She spent her summer at the beach, where she saw **Kirsten Osmundsen Boyd** often, and socializing in the city. She hosted a belated bachelorette weekend for **Beth James Longest '93** and traveled to Jamaica for **Camilla Puelicher's** wedding to Jim Savin. **Kim Clayton** left Structure in NYC in 10/00 and moved to LA to work for Earl Jean, another clothing company. She encourages LA area alums to contact her. **Tashie Curprier** married Mike Whipple 5/13/00. Mike is the ADA for Cumberland Co. Maine. Her bridesmaids were Hopie and Camilla. She received her M.A., now she's working on her Ph.D. in

Public Policy and Management. **Amy Biathrow Ross** loves her job, and she's still painting watercolors and playing the violin. She enjoyed visiting with **Beth Riccobono Shiffer** over the summer and seeing everyone at **Erica Clayton Wright's** wedding. Beth has started working towards her MA in Education, and is shocked that all of her classes fall semester were female. She and her husband Paul are still immersed in boarding school life at Northfield Mount Hermon. **Lorelei Bahrei Mote** is working in the Phoenix area as an Ultrasound Tech, and she's taking dressage lessons. **Katie Blaik** is doing employment/labor law for a human resource compliance company that launched in 07/00. She bought a condo in OKC and has been dating a great guy since meeting him in law school 4 years ago. **Robyn Barto** is the Asst. Director of Financial Aid at Swarthmore College outside Philly. She's learning sign language and sings with the college chorus and orchestra. **Lesley Byers** married Jeff Bush 09/00 in Denver. **Kelly Schmitt** and **Sarah Young '95** were attendants. She is working for Alexander Ogilvy Public Relations. **Heather Bayfield** is still living in Jacksonville, FL. She's a Trust and Investment officer for SunTrust Bank. She lives about 5 minutes from work and a few blocks from the beach. **Andrea Buck** is the head of Alumni Relations at the University of Bath. She is planning a summer '01 trip to the west coast. She'd like to catch up with her SBC friends – her new email is a.j.buck@bath.ac.uk. **Meredith Aikman** is living and working in Vietnam. She just finished her MA work from Tulane, and actually completed her thesis on the beach in Thailand. She will return to Bangkok in 11/00 to try to find a job. **Lucia Marks** is working in Austin, TX where she is renovating a house she shares with her 2 dogs. She wishes we didn't have to go 5 years between reunions. **Stacey Eisenberg Payne** and her husband David have moved to Watertown, CT. She is teaching 5th grade, and Davis is practicing with a local law firm. **Heather Roby** is working in the education department of an Oakland, CA college as their Business and Industry Liaison, but misses teaching. She likes the Bay Area now, but will probably return to the east coast. **Amy Ross** is teaching 2nd grade in Memphis inner-city schools. She's also an independent math consultant for the Everyday Learning Corp. She hopes to be moving back to New York soon. **Katherine Schupp** was promoted to Project Archaeologist. She's been running public programs in archaeology for kids and adults in Colonial Williamsburg. You can catch her online at www.history.org under Education/Archaeology/Public Programs. She's planning to go to South Africa next summer. **Kelly Schmitt** traveled to Italy – spent 2 weeks and didn't want to come back.

She was also one of **Lesley Byers Bush's** bridesmaids. **Vinca Swanson** has been very pleased with the growth of women's lacrosse in the Northwest area. She's been coaching U of WA's team. She's still climbing, playing ultimate disc and is still working for the law firm. **Caitlin Sundby** has started working as a web designer for ExpoExchange in Atlanta. She visited **Betsy Lanard** in Philly over the summer and went to **Erica Clayton Wright's** wedding. **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead** moved with her husband and dog into a new house 10/00. She's been competing in track events for Price Waterhouse Coopers in the Corporate Sports Battle. **Lauren Van Tyle Bartolomei** married an Air Force officer in the summer of '96 and has 2 children, Isaac and Graham. She's living in Dayton, OH and is doing freelance writing for local newspapers and Christian charity organizations. **Melissa Thomason O'Toole** moved back to Warrenton, VA. Her husband Tim is now flying for United Airlines. They had a daughter Marina 8/22/00 and their son Conor is now 2. **Allison Vollmer Douglass** is in NYC working at Women.com as a Senior Group Producer. She manages websites for Cosmo, Redbook, and Harper's Bazaar. **Marie Weil** is teaching Psychology and Spanish at a community college in central PA. She keeps in touch with **Birgit Stolle** and **Andrea Buck**. **Alice Windham** is setting up her own law practice in Gulfport, MS. **Kelleigh Smith Sommer** and her husband Richard had a son, Samuel Dean 5/8/00. She's still working for Oberthur Gaming Technologies (they make scratch-off lottery tickets) in San Antonio. They are planning a fishing trip to Belize in 2/01. **Jamee Briggs Thompson** and John are expecting a baby 11/00. Enjoyed Erica's wedding and Courtney O'Dea's. **Lori-Ann Harris Summers** and her husband Paul had Jackson Keefe 8/9/00. Paul started his 3rd year of law school this fall and Lori-Ann enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. **Elizabeth Jenkins Bush** and her husband Matthew had a son, Clay Gordon 6/9/00. They're having lots of fun with him. **Courtney O'Dea Plaisted** was married 8/26/00 in Boston. Lots of SBC'ers in attendance. They honeymooned in Hawaii and now are living in Arlington, VA. She's working as a nurse in Fairfax and her husband is practicing with a law firm in DC. **Ashley Henderson** married Jim Swigart 7/00 on Daufuskie Island, SC. They'll be moving soon to Greenwich, CT where Jim just got a new job. **Katherine Lindsey Auchter** and her husband Davis are expecting a little girl 11/00. She's trying to get everything done so she can immerse herself in parenthood. **Rebecca Nelson** is still teaching at St. Andrews Sewanee in TN. She's keeping herself very busy there. **Betsy Lanard** is teaching music in the Philly public school system, and she's taking

evening classes to earn her 2nd masters. She's been doing a lot of traveling and has more planned for 2001. As for me, **Molly Morris**. I am still a manager at Pottery Barn. I'm hoping to go back to school in the near future, but right now I love my job and really don't want to leave it. I just spent a great week down at my folks' house on Captiva Island, FL with 8 of my friends. We're hoping to make that an annual tradition. Thanks to everyone for your great contributions to our class notes... you can always email me at mimorris@compuserve.com and feel free to join our egroup at <http://www.egroups.com/group/sweet-briar94>.

1995

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Anna Reilly is living in Arlington, and still working as the scheduler and personal assistant for Senator John Warner. Still flying with Continental Airlines out of Newark. **Christine Patten** is learning Spanish and how to pronounce her new last name, Hundertpfund! She was married in April to a French Austrian man in California, and they have set up their home in Barcelona, Spain. In Washington DC, **Daniela Ricci** runs a volunteer service group, does the PR for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and plays in a local soccer league. **Gwen Hickey** and Devin are still going strong, but our thoughts are with her as she goes through back surgery this spring. She hopes to recover in time to be in **Bergen Hall's** wedding in July. **Beverley Stone** who is currently teaching will also be in Bergen's wedding. **CeeCee Valentine** is still attempting to travel the globe by working with Continental Airlines before she begins Law School next January.

John and Stephanie Arnold Tookey are busy in Texas raising their baby girl Nora who is almost a year old. **Jill Goolsby** is an Ensign in the US Navy based in Virginia. She's close to **Lee Roman Winn** in North Carolina. Lee, with husband Jason and babies Travis and Taylor, lives on a Marine Corps Air Station in Havelock, NC. **Jill Goolsby, Eleanor Dickson** and **Anna Hawithorne Henry** went to visit. In Maryland, **Leah Anderson Tidler** is busy with a two-year-old son and a baby girl on the way. She frequently sees **Harriette Bayse** who is the Director of marketing for a non-profit in Middleburg, VA, and **Gretchen Vida** who lives in Tampa. **Tysha Calhoun** lives in Texas and works with Dell Computers. **Holly Miller Mallos** married Paul (W&L '93) in Fiesole Italy, and **Cathy Cummings** was maid of honor. Back in the USA, she works in advertising. **Erin Oney**

writes that she is living in DC working in the IT field with a fantastic boyfriend. In Boca Raton, Florida, **Jennifer Wissman Rosenkrantz** lives with husband David and her son Joel. Wedding Bells are ringing for **Kara Dickey** who is now engaged to James Moore. Bridesmaids next September will be **Cat Ehlen**, **Liz Dunck Hayes**, **Catherine Orr Walters**, **Gretchen Vida** and **Stephanie Arnold Toohey**. In January, our own class president **Jessica John** wed Stephen Treatt Ponce, Jr. **Carson Sheppe**, who is still in Atlanta, was a bridesmaid as were **Meredith Williams**, **Eileen VonHerbulis** and **Monica Dennis**. Also attending were **Maren Howard Leggett**, **Lucy D. Bosworth**, **Buff Ramsey**, **Amelia Dunan**, **Katie Cambell**, and **Jeanne McCarthy**. After just completing her master's at UVA, **Mary Gordon Gill** is teaching and planning her own wedding. In New England, **Tricia Lynn** teaches math, works in Community Service, and coaches a girls soccer team that won the New England class C Championship in November. **Catherine Orr** married Stephen Walters and they now reside in Virginia where she is a project manager in the Interactive Marketing Department of America Online. They recently took their horses back to SBC for a Hunter Pace.

Mary-Bird Schroeder Braun lives with her husband Jack and her dog Redford and works as a web developer for ISProductions in Falls Church, Virginia. **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer** and **Scott** live in Alexandria, Virginia. After four years at the florists association, Katie moved to the National Restaurant Association where she manages the grassroots programs. She keeps the nation's largest private sector employer excited about government. **Molly Becherer Hasty** graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine and is doing her residency in Pediatrics in Birmingham. She and her husband bought a new house and adopted a puppy. **Laura Swope Townsend** is back after 3 1/2 years in Germany. Her husband is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. While away, Laura had a baby boy with red hair and blue eyes who is now 16 months old. In Amherst, Virginia, **Lola Bailey** works for the VA Department of Transportation. Next May, **Andie Thomas** will graduate with a Masters of Science in Sociology and a concentration in Criminal Justice. She just became engaged to Terance Young and Jennifer Smith '96 will be her maid of honor. **Michele Goff** wed Klaus Wisskirchen of Ramsey, New Jersey in the Blue Ridge Mountains. They honeymooned in Spain and the Balearic Islands. Back in Lynchburg, she continues to teach Spanish and coach cheer-leading and swimming. **Kelly Hall** began her PhD in English Literature at Florida State University after a summer of traveling through France and

Germany. **Pilar Collier** married Scott Brady in January 2001 and **Shannon McCarthy** was maid of honor. Pilar now manages both the Houston and Dallas offices of the legal division of Kforce. com. Life is sailing along for **Jennifer Gaudette Nelson** who lives in Maine. She and husband Doug both work on destroyers built at Bath Iron Works. She attended **Nancy Weigle** and Jay Smith's wedding in Virginia. **Heather Bond Grossman** is raising two children, three-year-old Ashley and one-year-old Michael with her husband Mike in Manassas, Va. **Amy Woods** has moved back to DC from San Francisco where she and Peter Jarich bought a house downtown. Amy works for CARE and she and Peter are planning a May 2001 wedding in Costa Rica. **Kimberly Roda Moorhead** works at the Information Technology Association of America as Vice President of Marketing. Kimberly and husband Tim plan to travel this summer after he graduates from Georgetown's MBA Program. **Courtney Huffman Whetstone** teaches first grade while studying for a Masters in Reading. Courtney and husband Todd (UVA '94) have two kids, Mary Rachel, 3 and Todd Jr., 1. The whole gang is going to Europe this summer. In Boston, **Catherine Ehlen** does interior design in an architectural firm during the week and tries to ski every weekend. **Kathy Whitby** and **Heather Aspinwall** traveled Europe together last summer. Kathy was promoted at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and now works in the President's office. Down in Miami, I, **Heather Roll**, will marry Eric Reardon of Boston on St. Patrick's Day 2001. I am currently competing in the Jumper divisions on the horse show circuit with my new partner, Jaxon. Sounds like all is well for the class of 1995. Start planning for the reunion in 2005.

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President: Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar
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This year finds us with more jobs, pets, homes, babies . . . I hope all is well for all of you.

Dana Bordvick is living in Amherst, VA running her own business with her partner Mark. They do graphic and illustration work and accounting. She has also been helping to develop the Amherst Co. Chamber of Commerce and writing articles for the Virginia Horse Journal. They have 2 dogs that enjoy walking at SBC and looking at the master plan in action. **Tonya Grudier** is still working at Oldfields in Maryland, but is looking forward to starting Masters work in Social Work in the fall of 2002. Tonya loves having **Sarah Nolt** in the area. She moved to Baltimore this winter. Tonya, Sarah

and **Bronwyn Beard** were together for New Years Eve. **Bronwyn** is recruiting for Manpower in McLean, VA and owns her own house in Arlington. **Katie Martin** is still working at Modern Baking magazine in Chicago. Tonya also saw **Melinda Brown** this fall. She is at Shenandoah University working as their Assistant Director of Residence and thinking of Grad School for the fall. **Tricia Mohana Summers** and Brian moved from Corpus Christi, Texas to Virginia Beach, VA and bought a home. She teaches at a private elementary school. Her sister is a freshman at Sweet Briar and is really enjoying herself! **Amy Stroupe** moved to Kannapolis, NC in April 2000 and works as a policy issuance specialist for InServe Corporation in Charlotte, NC. **Heather Thomas** is still at Auburn University as the head TA for Human Anatomy Physiology. She got engaged this winter to Jonathan Armbruster, a professor in Biological Sciences. Look for a spring 2002 wedding.

Dana Woodbury is living in Gainesville, FL, with Lem Purcell (HSC '97), working in pharmaceutical sales. They have a black lab puppy. **Joanne Hopkins** was a bridesmaid in **Erin Wortley Valliere's** wedding in December to Joe, along with **Erikka Sund** and **Page Darney**. I trained for the Blackwater Half Iron Man in June. I went to New York this summer with some friends to volunteer at Iron Man Lake Placid. **Erikka Sund** is in St. Francisville, LA. She is working for Enterprise Rental Cars and is a volunteer firefighter. **Mary Ann Gheen Bennett** married Tim (LC Grad) on 5/6/2000 and they continue to live in Monroe, VA. They both teach at Nelson Middle School. **Katie Rinehart** got her Real Estate license and is working with her mother and living in Bend, OR. **Darelle Pfeiffer** is finishing her 3rd year at Temple University school of podiatric medicine. She saw Katie Gumeron '97 when she was in Philly for the Republican convention and was able to see George W. speak. She also spoke to **Britt Sheinbaum** when she was home for a while from Japan. Britt is almost done with the JET program and has started looking for a job here in the US. **Kindle Samuel** is working in NY and stays busy.

Gretchen Gravley wrote with tons of news. She is still at SBC in the Admissions Office. Her travel territory is GA, AL, TX, and OK. Last fall she saw **Deirdre Flannery** in Atlanta. Deirdre works with Hewitt in Atlanta. **Shelley Shreve Oliver** joined the Admission Office in the summer. **Melissa Coffey Fitz** is in the Alumnae Office, and **Elizabeth Botea** is in Academic Computing. **Christina Cotter** is still teaching 1st grade at Tye River. She also coaches Special Olympics basketball and soccer. **Isabel Jean Pierre** is finishing her first year of law school at DePaul University in Chicago. She won the CALI Award in Civil

Procedure (which means she earned the highest grade). **Sandra Dittmer** writes that she and Chris got engaged on Christmas. **MaryLee Martin Harris** lives in Fairfax, VA with husband Geoff. They bought a house in July 2000 and painted every room. She lives very close to her job at Greenbrier West Elementary School where she teaches art to Kindergarten to Sixth grade. They have two cats Elly and Daisy. **Shelley Shreve Oliver** and Jasper added a very energetic Chocolate named Bodie to their home at Sweet Briar, where she is working as an Assistant Director of Admissions. **Joelle Jackson** is in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at Middle Tennessee State University working on a degree in school psychology.

Courtney E. Morgan is living in Harrisburg, PA and is the Manager of Government Relations for the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She is also working on her Master's Degree in Public Administration from Penn State. She sees **Melissa Rickman**, **Emily Meger** and **Ashley Grosvenor** and they got together in Savannah, GA where Emily is in school. **Andrea Sheetz McCaerney** is living in Chesterfield, VA with her husband and 2 dogs. She is teaching dance at a performing arts school and directs a dance company in Richmond, "Pipeworks." She talks to **Anne Smith Culver**, who has a daughter, and **Melissa Rothwell Pembroke**. **Melissa** is teaching piano in Killen, TX and lives with Pete in Cooraras Cove, TX. **Anne Smith Culver** and husband Brian (VMI '98) live in Wake Forest, NC. She is a full time mom to Beth Abigail, born in March 2000.

Allison Gerber will graduate from Tulane Law School in May and plans to move to Washington, DC and sit for the bar this summer. **Jayne Calabrese Pomroy** moved to Austin and took a job with Dell Computers. **Heather Reynolds Cecil** is living in Lynchburg again. She is a computer programmer with Centra Health. She was married November 11, 2001 in a small private ceremony to Mo. **Serena Putegnat** is finishing law school in Texas. She saw **Angela Elliott Merrick** and **Cady Thomas** at HSC for parents weekend. She also got to go the Inauguration and saw Cady and **Susan Barney**. Susan is still in Richmond, VA but now works for Allen Consulting. She went to the inauguration and saw Cady Thomas. And she is planning to go to Paris and London with **Marnie Bates** this summer. Marnie and Kerry have a new home in Richmond with 2 dogs. She is working as an assistant controller at Fahrenheit Technology. **Samantha Brodliab** has been working at the Prada USA corporate office in the press office since graduation. She sees **Mary Friberg**, whose office is actually next door to Sam's. Mary works in PR at the Susan Magrino Agency. Mary, **Hobby Holmes**, and Sam still get together. Sam also saw

Leslie Farinas, who is still in Spain at Med school. **Diana Jordan Avery** got married 5/20/2000 to Brent Avery (W&L '95) and they live in Dunwoody, GA. **Kim Izquierdo** and **Chantel Bartlett** were bridesmaids in the wedding.

Laura Fitton Pieper said a lot happened this past year, but only shared that she is working as the Circulation Manager for "the" local paper. She is also a columnist for said paper. She lives in Perry, IA with her husband. **Cynthia Bumgardner Puckett** married Darrin in June 2000 and moved to Milwaukee, WI. She is still teaching, now at Heritage Christian Schools. She still keeps track of close to 30 of us in her monthly letter. **Charlotte Higgins** writes that she is in the Second-Degree nursing program at UVA. She has been working as a nursing assistant at the Heart Center at UVA and she has been very busy. **Suzy O'Loughlin** moved to Lawrence, Kansas last summer to start working on her Masters in Latin American Studies. She hopes to take an intensive Portuguese class in Brazil this summer and study in Costa Rica in the Fall. **Catherine Zahn** finished up her 3 year dance program at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. She is planning to move back to the mainland to find work performing and teaching. **Emily Virkus Calle** married Dan (son of Prof. Calle) June 24, 2000 at Sweet Briar. Last October she was promoted to Software Engineer at Mitre. They now have 5 cats and a dog. She was Matron of Honor in **Lesya Shroades Yealman's** wedding. **Cyndi Hague** is working as a word processor for Bowser-Morner, Inc. a construction consulting firm. Still lives in Bowling Green, OH and when she wrote she was dating this nice boy named Dave.

I am still teaching at Vernon Elementary School. This past year I took on Second Grade Literacy as well as Computer Technology classes. It is great! 2000 brought many changes. I moved into my own apartment in the early spring. During my summer play (*Romeo & Juliet*) I re-met Tony, a guy from my high school class, and decided he wasn't so bad and we started dating. I also got a chance to visit Allison Gerber when she was working in DC. It is hard writing these notes in February knowing they won't be read until spring, but I hope you all enjoy them and keep in touch. Your next deadline is July 24 (mine is 8/1) so send me your latest and greatest!! You can always find information at my website and the alumnae association page. <http://www.geocities.com/dawnellen16/1998.html>

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Secretary: Alison Stockdale

Amanda E. Jones is a residential counselor at the Barry Robinson Center in VA Beach and a tutor for an Upward Bound Program. **Katie Wright** is working at a public relations firm called Creative Response Concepts as a Junior Account Executive. She is living with **Jackie Hauslein** in Lake Ridge, VA. **Ashley Hill** is living in Cambridge and working at an architectural firm in Boston. Ashley sees **Emily McGregor** who is also working in MA for Sapien. **Cameron Theodores** is in CA working for Nordstrom as an assistant to the Department Manager for Cosmetics and Fragrances. **Oina Orbison** is also in CA working at Disneyland and researching grad programs. **Marlena Koper** did field work in Lake Placid, NY last summer and is currently studying for the GREs. In June, Dina, Marlena and **Suzanne Bollinger** attended **Kim Leach Berge's** wedding to Christian in NC. Suzanne is working for Lockheed Martin Technical Operations in Springfield VA, as a Satellite Systems Engineer. **Kristen Lawlor** is living in Charlottesville and working as a software engineer. She sees **Abby Schmidt** and **Heather Carson** who live in the area. Heather was MoH at **Amy Hess Snawder's** wedding to Jared (VMI '00) on 5/21/00. Amy and Jared are currently in Ft. Polk, L.A. **Christine Bump** and **Lindsay Perkins** were also bridesmaids at their wedding. Christine is attending Emory U. for a joint degree in law and public health and is also singing in the Emory U. choir. Lindsay is working at Northeastern U. as an editorial assistant for the Journal of Physics and Chemistry of Solids. **Evangeline Easterly** was at the Snawders' wedding. She is in a graduate program in the Biomedical Sciences at Vanderbilt. **Elissa Pugh** is also in Nashville, working at Barnes and Noble and taking a graduate school course. **Benedicte Valentin** is studying at the Institute of Political Sciences in Paris. **Holly Wilmeth** is living in the northern island of Japan with the JET program. **Shantel Branch-Fleming** is in Belize attending medical school at St. Matthews University. **Caroline Stark** is at the Warburg Institute of the Univ. of London, doing her MA on the Renaissance and will be finished with that in September. **Allison Davis** is living in DC and working on her Masters of International Peace and Conflict Resolution at A.U. but lived in Brussels this summer working for an Irish member of the E.P. **Emily Pegues** and **Thea Okonak** had a great summer at the VA Program in Oxford. Emily is now working for an internet/imaging co. **Kim Harden** is attending U.MD for her master's in school counseling and is also a substitute teacher. Kim reports that **Ginny Gilbert** is in

Syracuse getting her masters in Public Administration. **Sarah Ogden** is working as Assistant Registrar at RMWC. Sarah and her husband Jim are expecting their second child in 1/00. **Sarah Ponton** is teaching French and Foreign Language Exploratory classes at Fluvanna M.S. **Anne Torrence "Torrie" Camden** is teaching 4th grade in Nelson Co. **Brandy Cash** is teaching 4th grade as well at Tye River E.S. **Melissa Fauber** is teaching second grade at Pleasant View E.S. in Amherst and pursuing her MA at UVA. Melissa also keeps in touch with **Laurie Wood** who teaches 4th grade at Temperance E.S. in Amherst. **Elizabeth Hamshaw** is working for the Council of Independent Colleges in DC. **Mandy Rice** writes that she and **Nini Manley** have an apartment together in Louisville, KY and are having a lot of fun there. **Vicki Zak** is living in Reston, VA and working as a financial consultant for American Express Financial Advisors. **Erin Wright** is a systems analyst for SRA International, Inc. in Fairfax, VA, and is coaching a girl's soccer team. **Alissa Harris** is living in VA with Kris Harris '99. She is working for a computer software company called Inktomi doing marketing, advertising as well as administrative work. **Lindsay Brooker** is working for BAE Systems in MD as a software maintenance operator. **Melissa Brown** is at Greer Margolis Mitchell, a media buying firm in Georgetown. **Amanda Atkinson** is an admissions counselor at Illinois College, living with Noah Smith and taking the GRE in Nov. **Kate Straccia** wanted to say hi. **Tatum Webb** is taking it easy and waiting to hear back from the Peace Corps. **Mo Robertson** has been taking care of her mother who had surgery this summer. **Elizabeth Rice Kinnamon** is busy being a full time wife and mother with husband Justin and baby Ashlyn. **Wendy Bramlett** is living in MD and working as a corporate benefits sales rep and consultant for Great-West. **Amanda Ankerman** is also in MD working as a Contract Specialist for the Naval Air Systems Command. **Amy Scott** started graduate school in Charleston at the Medical Univ. of SC. She is in the Molecular and Cellular Biology PhD Program. Amy reports that **Betsy Bagg** moved to CA and is currently working for an agency that helps package and promote television shows. **Germaine Gottsche** is learning about teeth down at the Univ. of MS where she started dental school. **Tara Putegnat** is attending the Univ. of TX. **Andrea Fulgham** is at Georgia State Univ. working on her MA in Sports Psychology and is assistant volleyball coach there. **Nicole Rodriguez** started law school in August. **Carol L. Skrifoll** is living in NYC working for Salmon Smith Barney. **Renee Dupre** reports that she will soon be living in NC and is working in the oil business. **Elizabeth Davis** is living and working

right outside of Raleigh, NC as a reporter for *The Smithfield Herald*. **Josie Beets** is working at EarthLink, Inc., as a Publications Production Coordinator in Member Services. **Marilen Sarian** is working as a Web Designer for IIAV and has been on the Discovery channel's "The Prosecutor" and "FBI Files" and is now engaged to Keith. This summer **Lucy Brooks** worked for Youth Ministry Resources in Panama City Beach, FL. She is now a nanny for two kids and working at a church part-time. **Anne-Ryan Sinnott** is working in DC as a teacher and keeps in touch with **Kimberly Earehart Kibby Bryenton** traveled throughout Europe this summer and just became engaged to Donald Cameron Fergusson. I also heard from **Petrina Johns**, **Melody Dix**, **Mary Hawkins**, **Noelle Lotano**, and **Stephanie Peralta**—email me if you'd like to hear what they are up to. **Lindsey Custer** is currently looking for a job after taking the summer off. **Jessi Livingston** is flying all over the country as part of an outreach program. **Melissa Bellan** is adjusting to boys in law school at SMU in Dallas. And I, **Alison Stockdale**, am working part-time in D. C. and volunteering for a local campaign.

recent deaths

ACAD	Martha Steele Mrs. E. W. McNaghten Date unknown		Margaret Taliaterro Mrs. Richard Battle March 6, 2001		Corneille Moot Mrs. Corneille Strother December 21, 2000		Eunice Coe Miss Eunice Coe June 28, 2000
	Dorothy Yates Mrs. A. B. Frese February 21, 2001	1931	Agnes Cleveland Mrs. Glenn A. Stackhouse September 22, 2000	1937	Faith Gort Mrs. Ferdinand J. Herpers, Jr. January 26, 2001	1948	Patricia Jenney Mrs. Henry L. Nielsen July 6, 2000
1919	Doris Johnson Mrs. Henry Nagel October 31, 2000		Evelyn Hagler Miss Evelyn J. Hagler Date unknown		Frances Johnson Mrs. James D. Finley II November 16, 2000	1949	Mary Virginia Grigsby Ms. Mary Virginia Mallett April 3, 2001
1924	Caroline Flynn Mrs. Caroline Flynn Eley October 15, 2000		Mary Pearsall Mrs. Jack W. Smith Date unknown	1938	Denise du Pont Mrs. Carl A. Zapffe Date unknown		Sally Searle Mrs. Robert L. Clarke February 1, 2001
	Cornelia Skinner Mrs. Cornelia S. Seay June 23, 1997		Katharine Perry Mrs. Herbert A. Dorfelf Date unknown		Virginia Guild Mrs. Rupert M. Colmore, Jr. January 1, 2001	1953	Mary Love Cates Mrs. J. E. R. Hayes II March 19, 2001
1925	Katherine Agard Mrs. Ralph Flewelling November 27, 2000		Anne Toole Rotter Mrs. R. Carter Wellford III December 23, 2000	1939	Ruth Harman Mrs. Arthur L. Keiser, Jr. November 16, 1999	1954	Joan Chamberlain Dr. Joan Engelsman March 14, 2001
	Kathleen Newby Mrs. Thomas Q. McGee November 2, 2000		Nancy Wilson Mrs. Walter R. Tarbert Date unknown	1940	Ann Adamson Mrs. Adamson Taylor February 20, 2001	1957	Clare Harrison Mrs. Michael Harvey February 1, 2001
	Mary Sturgis Miss Mary I. Sturgis March 10, 2001	1932	Marjorie Ward Mrs. George H. Cross, Jr. January 10, 2001		Ruth Collins Mrs. John W. Henry February 6, 2001	1960	Elizabeth Quaile Mrs. Stephen C. Clement November 7, 2000
1926	Louise Fuller Mrs. Russell Otis Freeman January 9, 2001	1933	Emma Griffin Miss Emma Griffin December 29, 2000		Margaret Constance Currie Mrs. R. Elliot Fleming April 5, 1999	1962	Carol Worboys Mrs. Edward C. Johnson January 30, 2001
1927	Elizabeth Cox Mrs. Inman Johnson Date unknown		Alice Martin Mrs. Thomas R. Cooper August 8, 2000	1941	Anne Gayle Mrs. Edward N. O'Beirne, Jr. February 6, 2001	1964	Barbara Doty Mrs. Barbara Doty Miller January 9, 2001
	Julia Reynolds Mrs. Julia R. Dreisbach January 13, 2001		Gertrude Raymond Mrs. John S. Dempster March 18, 2000	1942	Diana Stout Mrs. Richard H. Allen, Jr. March 20, 2001	1970	Elizabeth McKee Mrs. Douglas S. Werlinich December 19, 2000
1928	Gladys Snyder Mrs. Glenn Weiland January 31, 2001		Cotton Skinner Mrs. William Vass Shepherd January 09, 2001	1943	Janice Fitzgerald Mrs. James A. Wellons, Jr. January 2001	1985	Lynne Toombs Miss Lynne Toombs October 23, 2000
1929	Kathleen Firestone Mrs. Frank J. Carruthers Date unknown	1934	Thelma Hanifen Mrs. Irvin Fried October 12, 1999		Nancy Jameson Mrs. Robert K. Glass, Jr. November 2, 2000	<i>If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.</i>	
1930	Mary Burks Mrs. J. E. Saltz January 6, 2001		Dearing Lewis Dr. Dearing Lewis November 22, 2000	1945	Elizabeth Healy Mrs. Thomas N. Downing Date unknown		
	Delma Chambers Mrs. George M. Glazier Date unknown	1935	Frances Morrison Mrs. Warren T. Ruddell December 16, 1999		Jeanne Jones Mrs. Robert F. Crossman March 9, 2001		
	Mary Bruce Dailey Mrs. Lewis C. Dawson	1936	Martha Ake Mrs. Robert C. Brouse March 12, 2001	1946	Suzanne Criswell Mrs. Joseph J. Bornschein March 8, 2000		
	Carolyn Martindale Mrs. Maurice F. Blouin November 28, 2000		Elizabeth Hartridge Mrs. Elizabeth Hartridge February 7, 1999	1947	Justine Arnold Mrs. Edward M. Linforth January 26, 2000		

First Recipients of Irene Mitchell Moore Endowed Scholarship for CCR Named **GIFT OF ALUMNA TO ENHANCE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Lauren Friend '03 of Cathedral City, CA and Sherry Forbes '02 of Madison Heights, VA, are the first recipients of the **Irene Mitchell Moore Scholarship** to benefit students of the Center for Civic Renewal at Sweet Briar College who intend to pursue careers in public service. Mrs. Moore also endowed a general scholarship for the College for a total \$500,000 gift.

The merit scholarship is designed to support students enrolled in economics, international affairs and/or history at the Sweet Briar College Center for Civic Renewal, with a goal of fostering the habits of effective citizenship engagement. It was recently endowed by alumna **Irene Mitchell Moore '42** of Greensboro, NC, a longtime friend of the College. Mrs. Moore's daughter, **Warren Moore Miller '72**, is the author of *Mountain Voices: A Legacy of the Blue Ridge and Great Smokies*, a portrait of this unique pocket of rural America in photographs and stories.

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Sherry Forbes '02, is a graduate of Amherst County High School. An international affairs and economics double major, she entered Sweet Briar as a sophomore after spending her freshman year at the U.S. Air Force Academy. As a junior, she participated in Sweet Briar's Junior Year Abroad in Oxford Program. She has been active in varsity tennis.

Lauren Friend, a rising junior, is pursuing a double major in history and international relations with a Spanish minor. She will study this fall at a foreign policy symposium at American University, Washington, D.C., participating in internship programs through Sweet Briar College. She holds a perfect 4.0 academic average in her majors.

As an electoral officer of the College's Student Government Association in fall 2000, Lauren was instrumental in creating and implementing Sweet Briar's first-ever online student election.

"The Center for Civic Renewal was thrilled to receive news that Irene Mitchell Moore had endowed a scholarship for students majoring in history, economics, or international affairs, who were participating in the Center's curriculum. Ms. Moore's generosity reminded us that Sweet Briar College has long been committed to civic engagement. Lauren Friend and Sherry Forbes, the first winners of the Moore Scholarship, are outstanding examples of the College's contributions to renewing our civic culture, both at home and abroad," said Carter Glass Professor of Government Barbara Perry, director of the Center.



Sherry Forbes



Lauren Friend

